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Albany City Council votes to shut down Villa Motel

problems with prostitution,
leads to decision

Albany — The Villa Motel on San Pablo Avenue, long known for years by drug and prostitution problems, will be forced to roll up its welcome mat in 30 days unless the motel owners take the city to court.

The City Council voted Tuesday afternoon to uphold planning and zoning commission's decision to revoke the Villa Motel's conditional use permit to operate. The commission voted in March to revoke the permit following four public hearings, but the motel remained open when the owners filed for an appeal with the City Council.

The council's decision came after more than six hours of discussion during a public hearing that started Monday night, ran until after midnight, and picked up again on Tuesday at 3 p.m. In a rare occurrence, the hearing was recorded by a court reporter in case of future litigation.

Albany and Berkeley Police officers described hundreds of hours spent dealing with heroin and crack cocaine sales, prostitution, and violence at the motel. Neighbors said they were distressed by loud fighting, used condoms thrown out motel windows into their yards, and gun shots.

City Treasurer Kim Denton said she spends more than half her time trying to audit the motel's poorly kept records and collect unpaid taxes.

But the motel owners, Chhotubhai "Charlie" Patel and his nephew Suresh "Sam" Patel, both of San Francisco, and Mahendra Ranchod of Texas, asked for the permit to be extended about six months to give them a chance to sell the motel or convert it to a single resident occupancy (SRO) facility.

Their lawyer, Richard J. Stratton, of Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon in San Francisco, indicated during the hearing that they would take the case to court if the motel's permit were revoked.

Also at the hearing, long-term Villa Motel residents told the council they don't have the money to move and may become homeless if it is closed down.

Despite these concerns, council members came to a quick conclusion following the hearing.

"I am convinced we need to revoke the conditional use permit for the Villa Motel," said Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky as he opened council discussion. He proposed adjustments to the already-prepared resolution to deny the appeal, in hopes of discouraging future litigation. The resolution now gives long-term motel tenants up to 60 additional days to vacate.

This concession did not satisfy Stratton who told the council that 30 to 60 more days is not a realistic amount of time to market and sell the property.

"You can assume when you're (we're) given so little flexibility that it's extremely likely we'll go to court," said Stratton after the hearing. But he added that he didn't want to preclude continued discussions with the city to reach solutions.

In a report to the council, City Planner Claudia Cappio outlined years of problems at the motel. The 32-unit building, built in the 1930s, was known for prostitution and drug-dealing long before Charlie and Sam Patel bought it in September, 1990. Because of the motel's history, the planning and zoning commission denied them a conditional use permit to operate the motel in 1991. But two months later the City Council overturned the commission's decision and granted the permit, subject to certain conditions and monitoring.

Those conditions were drawn up in March 1991 by Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo. They required identifying registered guests and their vehicles, as well as reporting loiterers, suspicious activity or drug paraphernalia to the Albany Police.

Over the next nine months neighbors complained

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UC Village residents present petition

Students say they can't
afford higher rents

By Tara Suan

BERKELEY — Over the din of children chatting and babies babbling, residents of Albany's UC Village presented a petition with over 650 signatures to university trustees last week asking them to reconsider the proposed across-the-board rent increase for student family housing.

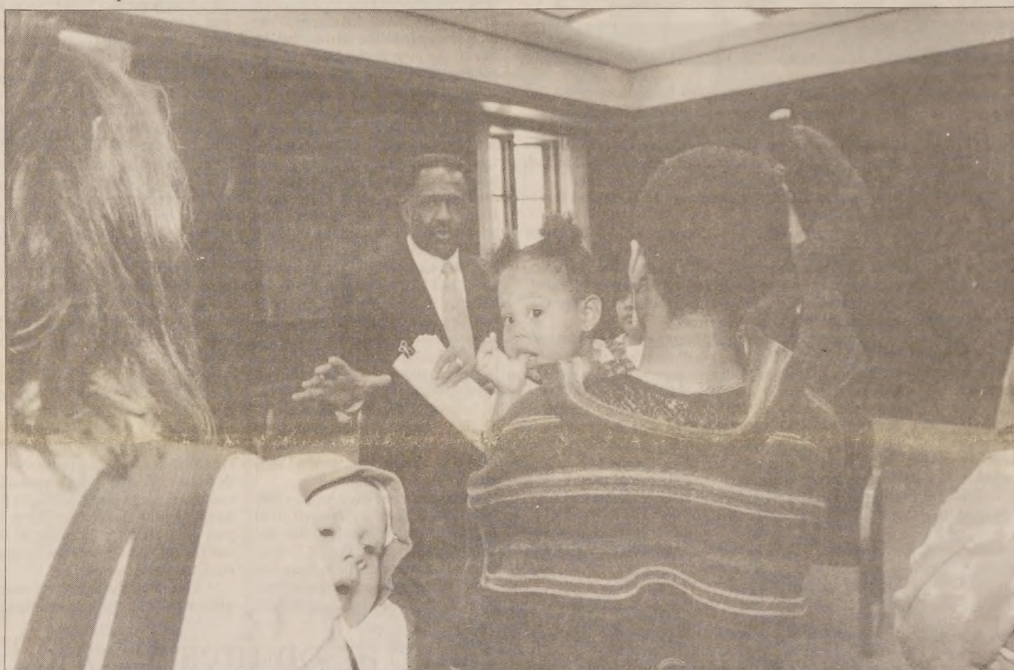
"It's not a matter of us not wanting to pay," said Patty Rede, president of the Village Resident Advocacy Association, to Vice Chancellor Horace Mitchell.

"We are at a loss. This is a matter of accessibility to the university and on top of the welfare of the students and fee hikes, we simply can't do another rent increase," she added.

About one month ago the residents of UC Village and Smythswald in Berkeley were notified that the university would be raising rents \$10 to \$35 a unit for the next year to fund repairs and maintenance costs at the now-dilapidated complexes.

Those hikes have been postponed after residents expressed outrage over not being included in the process. According to Rede,

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UC Vice Chancellor Horace Mitchell spoke with a group of 20 UC Village residents in his office last week, with Jonathan Chadwell, 4 months old (left) and Kiara Norris, 17 months old.



Following garbage behind Safeway has prompted complaints.

Trash irks neighbors

Shannon Morgan

EL CERRITO — A number of residents neighboring the Safeway store on San Pablo Avenue say they are fed up with a recurring garbage problem behind the store's rear lot off Moeser Lane.

In the past week four area residents have lodged complaints with the city, contending that trash bins are frequently overflowing, a high number of persons pick through the garbage daily, and rats are infesting the area.

"It's a bad mess. We're all concerned about it and I want something done about it," Moeser Lane resident John S. phoned in after receiving a letter from the issue from neighbor Glenn

Well, a Lexington Street resident, who lodged a complaint against Safeway with the Contra Costa County Health Department in Janu-

While a letter from the county to Krell dated Jan. 10 states that action was taken to request Safeway take action to correct the "conditions," Krell said a high volume of trash continues to periodically mount.

"They probably need about six bins, but they only have three now."

"When you boil it down to a health issue it's: Are they really complying with health laws? They are not when they allow people to come in and strew the garbage around and leave it all over the place," Krell said, adding that he also questions the use of poisonous rat traps in an area frequented by children on skateboards.

County health inspector Chuck Lewis said he's made two inspections of the garbage area and in his estimation the problem is not great.

"I had made an on-site inspection. It was in pretty good order, it was clean. I know some would like to see

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Council seeks cooperation with El Cerrito Plaza owner

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The city council has authorized negotiation of an Owner Participation Agreement with Milton Bilak, owner of a portion of El Cerrito Plaza. Should Bilak agree to participate in the OPA, city officials hope it will provide for more cooperation in bringing about improvements at the shopping center.

Council members have from time to time expressed frustration in attempts to communicate the city's goals for the Plaza to Bilak, who purchased that portion of the property not belonging to the Emporium, Long's Drugs or R&P Automotive about three years ago. At a recent council meeting, for example, several pointed out that he had not re-

sponded to repeated invitations to come to El Cerrito (from southern California) to discuss community concerns.

He has now done so. Mayor Norman La Force, redevelopment agency chair Jane Bartke and several city staff members met with Bilak in early April to talk about a proposed expansion of the Lucky store and other issues. (Bilak owns the property including the Plaza's small shops, the Lucky store and Chevy's restaurant.) Cathie Kosel was one council member who wasn't particularly encouraged by his visit.

"He thought he could get money from us," she said at Monday's council meeting.

Those in attendance at the meet-

ing agreed that Bilak had hoped the redevelopment agency might be able to provide financial assistance with a number of improvement projects at the Plaza, including things like new signage and storefront upgrading.

The declining appearance of the Plaza has long been a subject of community concern. Bilak did recently make improvements to the parking lot. Following the meeting, however, Kosel and La Force both pointed out that he had passed on all costs for that project to his retail tenants with, they said, no warning.

Kosel voted against efforts to enter into an OPA with Bilak. She said he had made it "very clear that his ownership of the Plaza is merely an

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Developer to build at Mira Vista

By Tara Suan

Despite rumors that Mira Vista Elementary school would be closed, officials of the indebted West Contra Costa School District say they do not intend to shut that location down and have instead committed themselves to improving and maintaining its viability.

"Residents thought we were going to close the school and then it became an issue of keeping it open," said board President Karen Ortega, adding that the board has been looking into Mira Vista's ailments since 1984. "I thought (the outcry) was unfortunate because we never entertained the thought of closing it."

Mira Vista Elementary, located at the juncture of Mira Vista and Hazel Avenue in Richmond near El Cerrito, was on a short list of under-utilized school sites that officials considered closing to ease the district's problems.

But instead, the district has sold a portion of that school's surplus property to a housing developer. The developer has promised to fund improvements to the already existing play yard and district officials hope the additional residents may help revitalize the schools' sagging enrollment.

The community outrage over the possible closure of that site began after the district declared bankruptcy

in 1991. Then-superintendent Walter Marks recorded a deficit that year of \$9.5 million dollars in overspending, according to Dr. Santiago Wood, administrator of services and facilities.

That year, administrators were taken to court by some parents to prevent the district from closing out the school year early in an attempt to deal with their insolvency.

The state was mandated by the courts to take over the district. As a result, West Contra Costa School District operates on a \$42.5 million dollar deficit to the state.

"A judge of Contra Costa County mandated the state to keep the district open and required the state to loan

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EC OKs next step for plaza BART

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The city of El Cerrito and the redevelopment agency will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and BART relating to the El Cerrito Plaza transit village proposed to be built at the Plaza BART station.

The decision to execute the proposed MOU was not unanimous. Council member Mae Ritz agreed with those objecting citizens who believe the agreement is too specific in its description of the project, implying that approval is inevitable.

"It appears to me to be a project we're going to be diligently pursuing for approval," said Ritz, who said she was not happy with that situation, even though she does agree that affordable housing is needed in El Cerrito and that housing should be located next to transit points.

Affordable housing would be one component of the project BART and its chosen developer envision, as will a major parking component and some commercial/retail space.

Whether there should even be a village project, Ritz said a transit village has only recently been discussed, as opposed to the longstanding idea that a parking structure would be built at the site.

Mayor Norman La Force challenged that perception; he said the topic has been discussed over the last 20 years, has been supported by two citizen task forces during that time and is a part of the city's general plan.

Thom Stark was one of the objecting speakers at the council's meeting Monday night. He listed several items in the MOU that were too specific from his viewpoint, including the description of the transit village as a 180-unit rental housing project with 4,000 to 6,000 square feet of local-serving retail and a developer funding estimate of \$20,239,000.

Stark also felt the description of the city of El Cerrito as "lead agency for private development" and the garage project indicates that the project is being "driven" by the city and not by BART.

Stark believes the development project should go to a public vote.

La Force immediately challenged some of Stark's statements. From La Force's viewpoint, becoming lead agency for the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) process is an opportunity for the city in allowing it "to direct what the process will be."

"We've gained more control than we would have otherwise," he said.

He also maintained that approval of the project is not a foregone conclusion. Approval in the event that the project does not conform to CEQA guidelines would be illegal, he said. In addition, he noted that no particular size or design for the project has been formally proposed or discussed.

Council member Norma Jellison later responded to comments from Stark and others. According to Jellison, the project description comes

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Remembering When

By William Paul

The games children used to play

Back to the early 1920s again — this time to junior high school days when three quarters of the school yard was given over to the activities of the boys. And at the school I went to, the girls' one quarter had to be invaded by the left fielder of the boys softball team to catch the occasional fly ball that went that far.

But if you'll think back to your own junior high days you'll remember that the boys were a lot more interested in catching the fly ball than paying attention to the girls.

Then too, while the girls collected dolls, the boys collected baseball player cards — collected them, traded them, even gambled for them — lagging them against a wall, tossing them up, playing other games of chance. At least that's what they did in the '20s. Maybe you were pure.

But one day back about 1920 a fad hit our school — collecting milk tops. In those days, in cities, milk came in bottles. All milk and cream bottles, from gill to quart size, had the same size tops and were circular so all dairies used the same bottles and tops with their own logotypes on the tops making the only difference. And this seemed to be the case in all cities across the country.

Where the fad started I never found out, but it became quite popular in Berkeley. Why not? Milk tops were easily accessible,

cost next to nothing, didn't take up near the amount of space it would have taken to collect girls, and could be played with like baseball cards if desired.

Of course, tops from the dozen or so dairies around the Bay Area got in a hurry and it became important to get some rare specimens from far off places for trading and that required "connections" with people who got around a bit. Enter Dad who got to different parts of California on business occasionally, and clear back to the Midwest at times.

While I'm sure he would have preferred to have coffee with most meals, he was a good guy and ordered milk with lunches in such foreign addresses as Visalia, Sacramento, Moline (Ill.), and South Bend (Ind.) and brought me the tops.

Oh yes... let's not forget San Diego. And El Centro.

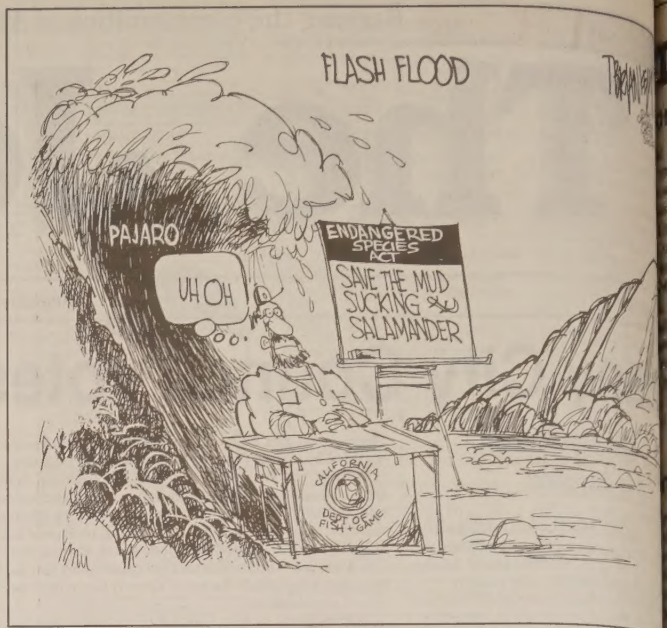
But it didn't take very long for the fad to peter out and the collectors found themselves with boxes full of milk tops to play games with and they began to use them instead of real money, matching, tossing, and other gambling maneuvers — just for glory. And at about this point somebody discovered a system — an air-tight system that he and a colleague could use to fleece a sucker out of everything he had. The game was Odd Man Wins.

... three people matching "coins;" if all three match it's no game; if two are alike and the third is different, he takes all three coins. Under the system, the two colleagues prearrange their "coins" the first one heads up, second one tails, for maybe 20 coins. Then they find a sucker to play the game. One of the colleagues holds his pile with heads up on top; the other one holds his with tails up. No matter how the sucker's coins come up he has to match one of the colleagues and the other colleague wins. They can't lose and they can't ever come up tied — three alike.

Then the colleagues divide up the spoils and the sucker is cleaned out of everything.

There's a very good chance that this gimmick was developed about the same time the machine that stamped out identical coins was invented and one of the students grandfathers or great-grandfathers put him wise to the trick. I know that it got noised around school real fast and put an end to its use almost overnight.

The school where all this occurred was named for Frances E. Willard, an "educator and reformer." History doesn't record whether or not she learned about this and requested that her name be taken off of the school, but it's still in the same place and for the last few years it's simply been named Willard Junior High.



Police Reports

Suspects flee after strong arm robbery in Albany

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 9:15 p.m. on April 29 two men were attacked while on the 1200 block of Dartmouth Street by two men who produced a handgun and demanded money. They took money from the victims then hit one of the men in the face with the handgun. They fled east on Dartmouth Street then south on Pomona Avenue.

One of the thieves was described as a black male, 20 to 22 years old, 5-foot 8-inches tall, weighing 170 pounds with black hair, wearing a dark baseball cap, black/blue flannel shirt, dark jeans and dark shoes. The thief who attacked with the handgun was described as a black male, 20 to 22 years old, weighing 120 pounds with black hair, wearing a dark baseball cap, blue plaid shirt, dark pants and dark shoes. Police are investigating.

Officers responded to a call from Berkeley police on the afternoon of April 23 to warn of a white Toyota pickup with major front end damage which might be traveling north on San Pablo Avenue. It had been involved in a hit and run at San Pablo and University avenues.

Albany officers observed a white 1986 Nissan with a damaged front end and a driver matching the description in front of the El Cerrito Plaza. They stopped the vehicle and the driver, an Oakland man, was identified as the responsible party and

was cited by the Berkeley police.

An El Cerrito man was stopped for a minor vehicle code violation at about 2:30 a.m. on April 23. He was found to be in possession of a double edged dagger with a 5-inch blade. He was detained for investigation and the dagger was confiscated. He was admonished about the vehicle code violation and for carrying an illegal weapon and was allowed to depart.

At about 1:15 p.m. on April 26 a 16-year-old Albany boy was walking home on the 700 block of Evelyn Avenue when he was chased by three white male juveniles. He was caught and knocked to the ground on the 800 block of Evelyn Avenue and his wallet was taken. The three then fled north.

Vandals used a rock or other sharp object to scratch the sides, hoods and windows of 14 vehicles parked in a car lot on Brighton Avenue on the afternoon of April 27. There were no witnesses.

At about 3:30 a.m. on April 29 Albany officers observed a man appearing to prowling around the area at the Library/Community Center complex. He was contacted, admonished regarding his activity and allowed to depart. Over the next two hours officers observed the man walking in numerous parts of Albany. When he was seen going to the rear of the Albany Middle School he was again contacted and arrested.

Thieves broke the lock securing a black 1988 Yamaha scooter parked

on the 500 block of Pomona Avenue on the morning of April 29. There were no witnesses.

Later that night, Albany officers found a license plate was stolen from a car on the 1000 block of Pomona Avenue. He was seen leaving the property.

Officers stopped a 1990 block of San Pablo Avenue was identified as the car. The food stamps and money were to be unlicensed. He was cited and released.

At about 10:30 p.m. on April 29 a 15-year-old El Cerrito man, being approached by a group of about 16 years old who were purchasing marijuana. The El Cerrito man was stopped and searched. When the victim handed the attacker fled. The man with two witnesses, both Albany boys, ran from the scene.

During the week of April 29 Albany officers fingered people at their request. Cars, responded to 11 calls assisted two people who were out of their house or car to one report of a building

Three arson fires reported in El Cerrito

By Dawn Frasier

ELCERRITO — Three arson fires were reported. Someone set fire in a garbage can in a driveway in the 6500 block of Eureka at about 10 p.m. April 22. At about 9 p.m. that same evening, a fire was discovered in the trash behind Safeway.

The third incident occurred at the Burger King; two fires were set at about 9:17 p.m. April 11.

Three male suspects accosted an Oakland man at about 4:12 a.m. April 18 in the 10700 block of San Pablo Avenue, hitting him with a club or a beer bottle and taking his chain and a ring. The men were in their early 20s; two were described as Hispanic, there was no description listed for the third.

A Richmond woman said a man on a bike ripped a necklace from her neck while she was in a shopping center in the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 5:05 p.m. April 19. He then fled on his bike.

The suspect is described as a black male about 25. He was wearing a red Kansas City Chiefs jersey with a white #19 on the back.

A male Hispanic suspect between 18 and 20 years old reportedly demanded a portable phone from a person walking at Cypress and San Pablo Avenues at about 11 p.m. April 21; he and five other suspects punched and kicked the victim.

A Richmond man said two Hispanic men, between the ages of 18 or 20 and 25, attacked him for no apparent reason, hitting him with their fists, at about 12:10 a.m. April 24 in the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue.

An armed robber entered Cindy's Gifts at about 8:35 p.m. April 12. He had a handgun and demanded cash. The suspect is described as a black male in his 20s, 5-foot 8-inches tall, between 130 and 140 pounds, wearing a blue sweater with a gray hood and black Levis.

An El Cerrito resident was confronted in the 900 block of the BART path at about 6:10 p.m. April 18 reportedly by a black male on a bike who asked her a question. At the same time, a second man grabbed her

purse, then escaped on foot. The first suspect rode off on his bike.

Both men were described as about 120 pounds. The first was about 5-foot 7-inches and wore a blue top. The second, an Asian man, about about 18 years of age, was about 5-foot 7-inches tall and was wearing a white sweatshirt.

Allstate Insurance was burglarized between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. April 20. Someone pried open the office door, then unsuccessfully attempted to pry open a desk door. No loss was reported.

An employee of Shell is suspected of embezzlement. The report was made April 19.

One Albany High School student and two unidentified, white male suspects are suspected of forcing an exterior door of a residence in the 3400 block of Yosemite at about 8:30 p.m. April 16, taking a boom box and fleeing in a vehicle driven by a fourth suspect.

A home in the 1100 block of Navellier Street was burglarized during the daytime April 12. The home was ransacked; jewelry and electronic items were taken. Four suspects were seen fleeing southbound in a black vehicle. They were described as "clean-cut" white males between the ages of 17 and 22.

A camcorder was reported stolen from a home in the 1700 block of Julian between 1 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. April 13. The burglar entered through the dog door and stacked some of the victim's property.

Two bikes were taken from a garage in the 500 block of Norvell Street between April 18 and 20.

A computer was reported stolen from an apartment in the 1600 block of Lexington Avenue during the daytime April 21.

Two men fled with a garden hose when a witness saw them at a residence in the 1100 block of Richmond Street at 11:09 a.m. April 19.

A 1986 Chevy pickup was reported stolen from the 6900 block of Portola Drive during the night of April 9. During the night of April 17, a 1984 Toyota Camry was taken from

Lynn Avenue at San Pablo Avenue.

The morning of April 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. a Blazer was taken from the 1700 block of Eastshore. Between 11:30 a.m. and 1974 Cadillac Deville from El Cerrito Plaza.

All four vehicles were charged with possession of stolen vehicle at El Cerrito at 11:58 p.m. April 11.

A Richmond man was charged with possession of stolen vehicle from a vehicle at El Cerrito at 11:32 a.m. April 11.

A San Pablo man was charged with possession of stolen vehicle at El Cerrito at 11:32 a.m. April 11.

A four auto burglary was reported. A backpack was taken from the 6700 block of Glenview at 6:05 p.m. April 10; during April 17, electronics and miscellaneous items were taken from the 6700 block of Lexington.

A stereo CD player was taken from a vehicle in the 5300 block of Avenue during the night of April 17.

Someone entered the car parked at Wall and Norvell at 1:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. April 10; during April 17, electronics and miscellaneous items were taken from the 6700 block of Glenview.

A Richmond man was charged with possession of stolen vehicle at El Cerrito at 12:41 a.m. April 21.

At the Emporium, a watch was then taken from Shoplifters were arrested (an Oakland man) from a Richmond man (an Oakland woman) who was arrested for taking the Payless nursery Apr

Letters to the Editor

School support lauded

Editor:

The Cornell School staff wishes to publicly express our grateful thanks to the Cornell PTA for its support of an instructional aide for the past several years. The PTA has expended an enormous amount of effort and energy in raising funds toward this purpose.

Their efforts have softened the impact of financial cuts in a way that directly affects the adult/student ratio in our classrooms. Maximizing aide time is beneficial for all students. This has been particularly helpful in recent years because of large class sizes.

We owe special thanks to those who have dedicated so much time to such fund-raising activities as the fall gift sale, the spring letter of request, and the year-long scrip sales. We know that raising money for the school is not a simple endeavor and that it requires many hours of work from many people.

Though the PTA has decided that the burden of supporting an instructional aide is too great, we are very appreciative of its contributions to Cornell School. Its involvement makes the school a better place for the children and the staff.

Cornell Staff
Albany

More Caltrans concerns

Editor:

A recent letter from the Chair of Albany's Waterfront Committee regarding Caltrans' mitigation project in our proposed Eastshore State Park left out a few important facts. For example:

The Caltrans project proposes to take over 6/7 acres of the Plateau area, the most usable part of Albany's waterfront. It is a large, flat, open area originally planned for playing fields, picnicking, and active recreation — high priorities in our community and park.

Albany has no authority over Caltrans whatsoever to control or limit development. Caltrans is proposing the absolute minimum amount of mitigation area. Consequently, regulating authorities (U.S. Fish & Wildlife, State Fish & Game, Army Corps of Engineers, or BCDP) will probably require more habitat area than they are proposing. If so, Caltrans can only expand its project further onto the playing field area at the location it is currently planning.

Locating a sensitive habitat area in the busiest area of the park (next to the playing fields and Bay Trail) is not good planning. To keep people away from birds, the project will require a cyclone fence screen, 5/6 feet high, with fiberglass slats on approximately 3/4 mile of the adjacent Bay Trail. Such an unappealing Trail won't be used. This screen would not be necessary if Caltrans' project were located elsewhere.

There are three or four better locations for this mitigation project but Caltrans is not studying them because they would cost more to develop.

Jerri Holan
Albany Waterfront Committee

Better left alone

Editor:

It is hard for me to understand how anyone (Bob Arnold of Albany, April 27 letter) can justify the spending of federal or state grant money to tear up an existing cover over Cerrito Creek with the crazy idea of restoring the creek.

I wonder if Mr. Arnold or anyone else with the same idea has given thought to the amount of money it would cost to maintain the creek, especially if a new Lucky Store is built in the southeast corner of the Plaza. I can see a creek filled with grocery carts, boxes, plastic bags, and etc., not to mention the safety factor, if the middle school is built, of keeping children from falling into the creek.

When I was growing up, I was taught to save money for a rainy day, not spend it because we had it. Today, people just want to spend, spend and spend.

Mr. Arnold mentions in his letter about the educational benefits that a child could gain. Without spending any money, there are a lot of opportunities currently where children can gain a lot of knowledge. Let them form teams and learn the value of cleaning up our parks, or even our streets and vacant lots.

We spend too much time and money trying to save endangered species instead of helping to keep what we have clean for these endangered species. It is time we teach our children and politicians the value of a dime.

Don George
El Cerrito

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Information for seniors

15th annual Senior Information Day will be Tuesday, May 9. The theme for this year's will be "Come Alive in '95." The year's Senior Information Day will feature information, earthquake preparedness, personal safety and protection, and health screenings. There will be entertainment, a variety of items for seniors to sell arts and crafts and baked goods as well as informative representatives from agencies that provide service for older adults. The event will be provided by the Contra Costa County Senior Program, with a \$1.75 suggested donation for those 60 and over, and \$3.75 for those under 60. For more information on this event, please contact Nielson at the Richmond Senior Center at 307-

Homebirth rally in Albany

"Rally in Support of Homebirth" will be held on May 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Albany Community Center. The event, scheduled with International Midwives Day, is being organized by Friends of Homebirth. The purpose of Homebirth is a support and advocacy group for parents and parents-to-be who have or will have their babies at home, instead of in a hospital setting. The group meets monthly in the East Bay. The schedule for the rally includes an address by a midwife, Faith Gibson, and a march by rally participants. Also planned is a gathering of 100 children, the signing of a homebirth quilt, and activities for children. The event is free.

Eden Club workshops

El Cerrito Garden Club will meet May 11, at the community center, 7007 Moeser Lane. The program will consist of workshops including "Flower Petals," "Making Unusual Dish Garden" and "Let Worms Do Your Composting." Refreshments will be served. Visitors are welcome. A \$2 fee.

Cultural meeting in Albany

Kansei Legacy Project and Generation to Generation will host Building Bridges: An intergenerational cultural Dialogue on May 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Albany Community Center at 1249 Marin Avenue. The program will focus on communication and understanding for families of Japanese American internees and Holocaust survivors. For information call Shoji at 523-6021.

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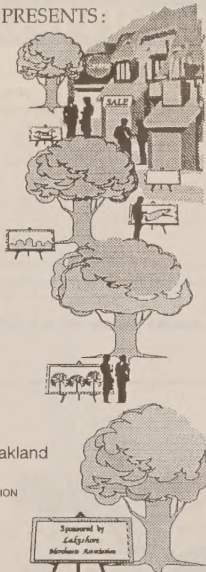
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Still going strong



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ebey Jr., celebrated their 50th anniversary Feb. 25, at the White Knight in Richmond. They met when Jack was in the Navy, stationed at Treasure Island. He was born in Melville, La. Josephine (Babe Boricchio) Ebey was born and raised in Albany. They were married at St. Ambrose Church in Berkeley Feb. 25, 1945.

Obituary

Beverly M. Jose

Beverly M. Jose died in Berkeley April 18. She was 75.

The beloved wife of Myron K. Jose of Albany, mother of Zondra Woolsey of El Cerrito, Ronald L. Burrows of Pinole, Kenneth Burrows of Atlanta, Georgia, and Patsy Boecroft of Denver, Colorado. Jose is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. A native of Denver, and longtime Albany resident, at her request, no services will be held. Contributions to the National Kidney Foundation of Northern California, 553 Pilgrim Dr., Suite C, Foster City, CA 94404 would be appreciated.

El Cerrito among recipients of West County teaching award

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The West County Public Education Fund (Ed.Fund) will hold its annual Ed. Fund Teaching Excellence Awards Banquet at the Richmond Convention Center Friday, May 12. El Cerrito High School teacher Paula Gocker will be among six recipients of the award.

"The teachers who receive the award exhibit quality far above what would be considered basic requirements for good teaching," said Ed.Fund executive director Susan Wittenberg. "They show unusual dedication; they show unusual creativity, and they strive for exceedingly high levels of excellence, oftentimes in very adverse situations."

Each year, nomination forms for the award are distributed throughout the district, including to parent groups and local businesses. All nominees are sent a packet requesting information; those submitting a completed packet are considered for the honor by the Ed. Fund's application committee.

"Every member reads every application form," said Wittenberg.

Finalists are then interviewed personally by the committee and chosen for the special honor.

The banquet is a community event, with local groups sponsoring tables

for eight. In El Cerrito this year, the El Cerrito Rotary, East Bay Sanitary and Tradeway stores are each sponsoring a table for a \$300 donation. The Ed.Fund welcomes additional table sponsors.

El Cerrito city manager Gary Pokorney is serving as ticket chairman for the event.

The Ed.Fund, founded in 1983 and formerly known as the Richmond Unified Education Fund (RUEF), serves the entire school district but is completely separate from it. It is operated by a board of 16 volunteers which has complete autonomy in deciding how funds raised will be spent.

"Over the past 12 years, we have given out \$1/4 million in mini-grants and schoolwide grants," said Wittenberg. "We have also presented the teaching excellence awards (involving cash presentations) and have funded a number of supplementary programs at schools."

"Just Say Jazz" is one example of such a program. The professional jazz sextet gives instructional performances each year at the district's elementary, junior and senior high schools.

Two other important awards will be presented at this year's banquet.

Cheryl Maier will be honored as the 1995 Distinguished Citizen of the year. She is the executive director of Opportunity West, a non-profit organiza-

nization that provides support services to other non-profit agencies and community groups in the area, assisting with grant writing or public relations, for example.

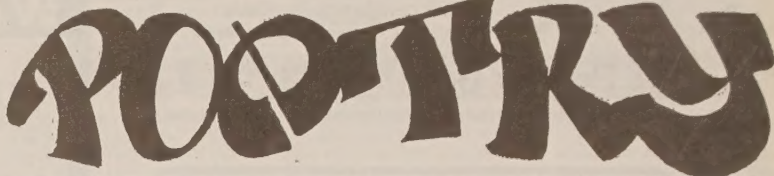
"The distinguished citizen is chosen as a person who's had extensive involvement with children in the district and with education in the district, one who's given her support and time to better the education, environment and surroundings of the district's children," said Wittenberg.

The Friend of the Ed.Fund award will be presented to Berlex Biosciences, which has, through the fund, given seed money to start two after-school enrichment programs.

"The Ed.Fund leveraged that money to expand and finance programs at Helms and Juan Crespi," said Wittenberg. "They will serve as pilot programs for after-school enrichment programs at every junior high in the district in the fall."

Wittenberg said "a real collaborative effort involving Berlex, the YMCA, the Richmond Art Center, the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts and the Gateway Project" has resulted from the seed funding.

"It's all a part of the collaborative effort with the Ed.Fund in providing (a) diverse approach (to enrichment programming)," she said.



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a pair of tire-soled shoes.
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But then again,
My good pair does not exist.

I lost my socks in the war
and won a purple heart
for bravery
wounded.
I've struggled to McDonald's
only to find
in the real world
metals mean tin
and your feet are much warmer
with socks
than without.

—Jessica Dunning-Lozano
MacGregor High School

WHEN I HEARD THE MUSIC

When I heard the music
there was a butterfly and she had
all different colors.
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fish swimming in the water
lots of waves at the beach
and a starfish.

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and a person was playing the
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When I heard the music
it made me think of fire.
It made me feel like I was
dead and people were throwing
things at me
and like people are shooting bows

and arrows at my head.
The music made me think of a
person fixing his machine
and the machine will grow his
children up because they
shrunk.

When I heard the music
it was like I was in Mexico.
It made me feel a sun and a
flower and a cloud and a tree.

I saw an apple tree
a flower
a design
a penny bank inside
and a cloud.

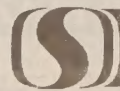
When I heard the music
it made me feel like drawing a
design.
It made me feel like pizza
because I like pizza.

The flowers in my yard are
dreaming of the sun
because it's raining a lot
and after it rains
the sun comes out.
The music made me feel like
going outside
under a rainbow.

—Nancy Burgess'
kindergarten class
MacGregor Primary School

Students wrote these poems during
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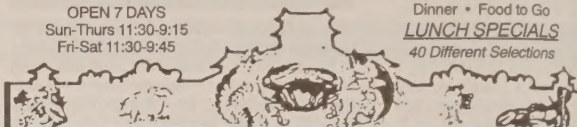
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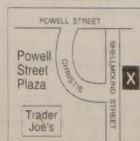
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Council priorities viewed in detail

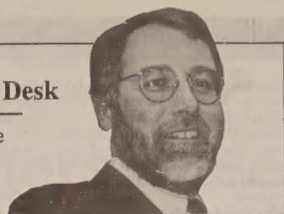
In my last article I discussed results of our City Council Goal Setting meeting. The article turned out longer than I thought and due to space limitations I did not go into detail about the items we identified as "Top" and "High" priorities this year. In this article I would like to flesh those out.

Arriving at the ranking of priorities that we considered "Top" and "High" in priority, we listed and ranked on all subjects we considered important. Those that received a majority of votes in the second round were considered "top" priorities. Those that received a majority of votes in the second round were considered "High." Subjects that did not make either of the two rankings are not included from the city's agenda, but were simply not given the ranking as others.

We determined that there were three areas of activity that we considered to be of "top" priority. These were not ranked in any order. Hence, when I discuss them, you need to keep in mind that these are considered of equal importance. The first I will discuss is what we call the Del Norte Area Development. We recognized that we have a number of projects for that area that raise significant issues for the council and community. One of these is the proposed theater complex. This is an exciting project that offers substantial economic benefit to the city. At the same time, it raises a number of environmental issues such as traffic congestion and noise levels that the council considered to be important. Because of both the positive

From the Mayor's Desk

By Norman LaForce
El Cerrito



aspects and the major issues it raises, the council recognized this would be and should be a major focus of the city staff.

Similarly, we have other proposals for the same area. Tied to the theater proposal is a mixed use project that would be sited adjacent to the Del Norte Place project. The city is a part owner of Del Norte Place and with the private owner is concerned that other development take place around Del Norte Place to improve that project and enhance our investment. A critical component to improving that investment is getting other mixed projects developed next to it.

Across the street is the old Food Bowl and IHOP. These properties are almost entirely in Richmond, but directly impact El Cerrito. With the proposals for a theater complex and mixed use project, our interest in what is done on the Food Bowl and IHOP sites has increased. We do not want to see proposals for those sites that would not be compatible with or have a negative impact on our projects.

The second subject that was considered a "top" priority was the apparent activity occurring around the El Cerrito Plaza and Plaza BART station. We identified tasks that we felt would require significant staff commitment. To begin with, we have the proposal for the mixed use project at the BART parking lot to the west of the station. This

project also offers major benefits to the city while, at the same time, raising potentially significant environmental issues and concerns.

In addition, we have an opportunity to begin a transformation of the El Cerrito Plaza. For this we identified some critical tasks. One was the preparation of a market study that would give us the kind of detailed and sophisticated information that we felt we did not have and need to assist us in our decisions about changes to the Plaza.

In addition, we have already begun the process of working with the cities of Albany, Berkeley, Richmond, and Kensington on improving and restoring Cerrito Creek. This creek restoration reflects our belief that this will improve the Plaza's profitability by providing an improved environment that makes the plaza a destination point for persons.

We also are facing a proposed expansion of the Lucky Store which will require the city to respond. We felt we need to be able to respond in a way that promotes the long term vision and goals that the city has for the plaza. In formulating that vision, we felt we needed to bring together Plaza owners and the community in a process leading to a concrete conceptual plan.

Perhaps most critical was our concern that we devote city resources to make sure all activities at the south end of town are integrated with our long term goals and vision for the city. This means formulating a strategic plan for the South Gateway.

Part two of this column will appear next week.

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma

Albany Florist and Gifts new member

"It is not too early to order flowers for Mother's Day, especially for special orders," according to Bimmy Rode, owner and operator of Albany Florist and Gifts, 823 San Pablo Ave.

After 15 years of owning and operating a florist business in Oakland, Rode bought the Albany store last October. Known as the "wreath lady" for her talented and artistic manner in wreath-making and arrangements of dried flowers, Rode has many displaying at her store, as well as the largest selection of fresh flowers in this area.

Upon entering the store there is a feeling of walking into a beautiful garden, giving a pleasurable experience for selection.

Wherever you look there are exotic plants and flowers, some imported from Holland, South America and Hawaii. There is also a great selection of flowers from local growers fresh daily.

Green and blooming plants are artistically set about the store, surrounded by European gardens. Rode is at the flower mart at 3 a.m. for hand-selecting the best flowers, knowing this is what customers expect from her store. She can often be seen working late hours preparing for weddings and funerals.

As her assistant and store manager, master designer Tony Crescenti, with his 40 years of experience in the industry, is also on site designing floral pieces that are one of a kind or a traditional bouquet.

"Customer service is the key to a successful business," Rode feels. "I strive not only to satisfy but to have each customer leave the store with a good feeling, knowing they are getting a beautiful arrangement and the most for their money." She encourages a healthy habit of weekly gifts of fresh flowers to brighten a loved one's day.

Flowers are not the only gift items in the store. There are stuffed animals, vases, decorative pots, balloons for every occasion and greeting cards. Gift baskets of fruit or other items one chooses



Bimmy Rode

are available.

Due to the request of customers, Rode will be offering workshops on wreath-making planned for early summer.

Known as "Albany's friendliest florist," the store offers delivery service and ample off-street parking. Store hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Phone 528-1000.

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President of the Albany Seniors, Jewel Okawachi, promises great food served with a warm feeling, with proceeds to benefit Albany Senior Center furnishing fund. This annual event brings friends and families together at this "all you can eat" breakfast.

Adults are \$4, children under 10 are \$2, and children three and under are free. Tickets are

available at the Albany Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., or they may be purchased at the Senior Center before May 7 or at the door.

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Preregistered cyclists are eligible for a drawing of prizes donated from local merchants. At the time of this writing prizes are being given by Solano Avenue Cyclery, Zari's Delicatessen, Missing Link, Quorum Independent Distributors Walter and Bev Wallace, and the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

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Albany summer school registration open

The Albany Unified School District will offer summer school to students from June 26 through July 21. There will be no school July 4.

Programs will be offered for students currently enrolled in grades kindergarten through eight and grades eight through 12 for proficiency classes.

Classes will be held at Marin School for grades kindergarten through four. Classes for grades five through eight will be held at Albany Middle School, and all proficiency classes for grades eight through 12 will be held at Albany High School. One section of Algebra Preparation will be offered for students currently in grades eight through 11.

Information sheets are available at Albany schools. Enrollment forms for kindergarten through eight are available at elementary schools and Albany Middle School. Proficiency and Algebra Preparation enrollment forms are available at Albany High School and Albany Middle School. Enrollment forms are now being accepted.

Parents are urged to sign up as soon as possible because classes usually fill up in one or two days. All participants in the Summer School program are expected to attend all four weeks. The proficiency program is two weeks (June 26 - July 7), with students having the opportunity to take the proficiency exam on Friday, July 7.

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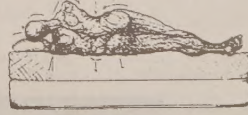
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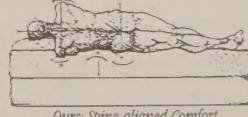
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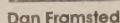
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By Gray Cathrall

The second-place finish by the St. Mary's golf team in a league long dominated by Alameda marks its best finish in eight years.

In spite of a wet morning, the skies cleared Monday in time for the golfers to tee off on time. Alameda, playing on its home course,

The top medalists were: Dong Yi (A) 66, Tom Hahn (A) 71, Dustin Wayne (A) 72, Framsted (SM) 76, LeDuc (P) 76, Williams



"We're getting better kids every year. Danny is from El Cerrito, and he's just a freshman. I expect this team will just get better and better," Dorn said.

By Gray Cathrall

Throughout the fifth game, neither team had more than a 2-point lead at any time. With El Cerrito holding a 14-13 lead and serving for

The win over the Oilers showed the perseverance of El Cerrito, with games scores of 15-13, 16-14, 17-15. To not lose a game was important to the Gauchos, especially after their long, five-game match with Piedmont two days earlier.

See VOLLEY, next page

Joe Marshman spikes for a point against Piedmont.

By Gray Cathrall

The athletes invited to perform in the

The following weekend, May 19-20 many of Berkeley's runners, jumpers and throwers will be seen in the North Coast Section 3A meet at Diablo Valley College, a preview of the NCS Meet of Champions at Edwards Stadium on May 26-27.

By Gray Cathrall

Midfielder Rudy Gaitan scored three of his team's four goals, and sweeper Mario Mejia scored the fourth goal from beyond the midfield line on a free kick to spark the

The Mavericks lost their second game to perennial state powerhouse San Juan Rangers, a Sacramento team boasting four

Players on the Mavericks soccer team come from St. Mary's, Albany, Salesian, Berkeley, El Cerrito and Richmond high schools.

By Scott Kaplan

cord, thus far 1995 has p

Gray Cathrall

From a final scrimmage game, 20 West Coast players were selected, and a same number from the East Coast tryouts. A panel of national rugby coaches then picked 26 players from throughout the country to play on what is officially called the USA High School developmental team.

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LACROSSE	B	Southern Marin	JV-M	H	4:00
SOFTBALL	B	Antioch	V	H	3:45
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TENNIS	B	Pittsburg	V	A	3:30
	EC	Bishop O'Dowd	V	H	3:30
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FRIDAY - MAY 5					
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	SM	St. Elizabeth	V/JV	A/H	3:30
SOFTBALL	A	El Cerrito	V/JV	A/H	3:30
SWIM	B	DeLaSalle, Carondelet		A	3:30
	EC	Salesian		H	3:30
VOL-BALL	EC	Piedmont	JV/V	H	4:00

SATURDAY - MAY 6					
TRACK	B, SM	Meet of Champions, Sacramento		TBA	

MONDAY - MAY 8					
BASEBALL	A	Richmond	V/JV	H/A	3:30
GOLF	B	League Championship		TBA	12:00
TENNIS	B	Monte Vista	V	H	3:30

TUESDAY - MAY 9					
BASEBALL	B	Pittsburg	V/JV	A/H	3:30
SOFTBALL	B	Pittsburg	V	A	3:45
TENNIS	B	Pittsburg	V	H	3:30
VOL-BALL	B	Pittsburg	V	H	4:00

WEDNESDAY - MAY 10					
BASEBALL	A	Kennedy	V/JV	A/H	3:30
	EC	St. Elizabeth	V	A	3:30
	SM	Salesian	V/JV	H/A	3:30
SOFTBALL	A	Kennedy	V	H	3:30
	EC	St. Elizabeth	V	A	3:30
LACROSSE	B	Danville	V-W	H	4:00
TRACK	B	League Trials, at Pittsburg		TBA	
VOL-BALL	EC	Richmond	JV/V	A	4:00

THURSDAY - MAY 11					
BASEBALL	B	Pinole	V/JV	A/H	3:30
SOFTBALL	A	Holy Names	JV	H	3:30
	B	Pinole	V	A	3:30
TENNIS	B	Alameda	V	A	3:30
TRACK	SM	League Trials		TBA	3:30

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A ALBANY	H HOME
B BERKELEY	A AWAY
EC EL CERRITO	
SM ST. MARY'S	

Volley

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Outside hitters Tim Maestas and Lai teamed up for some strong point-making, with reliable setting from Lau and dominant play at the net by Marshman. Back-row specialist Steve Tanamachi kept El Cerrito in the game with constant saves and digs to prevent Richmond from making points.

El Cerrito starts the final round of three games tomorrow with a home match against Piedmont, then plays Richmond and De Anza next week.

"We feel very positive about our progress and look for a strong finish against Richmond Piedmont and De Anza."

The good news is, Richmond recently beat De Anza, so El Cerrito now knows it has the target in sight.

Baseball

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Cougars were trounced 13-3 by Alameda High.

On Wednesday the Hornets, behind the strength of an 11-run fourth inning, put the game out of reach. In a losing cause Dan Doyle had two RBI for the Cougars.

"It's been an experience. Most of these kids have had very little baseball experience to begin with," said 28-year-old Fishencord. "It has been fun, teaching the kids new dimensions to the game."

Fishencord, who served as an assistant for five years at Berkeley, has been most pleased with the play of junior three-year starter Ko Douglas and sophomore Russell Worth, who is currently hitting .300.

"We're a really young team; we're starting four freshmen and sophomores," said Fishencord. "Pretty much it's been a rebuilding year."

St. Mary's and El Cerrito Roundup

Last week the St. Mary's Pan-

thers, the ACCAL's frontrunners, improved to 16-4 overall, 7-1 in the ACCAL with victories over Piedmont Wednesday 3-1, and over Richmond Friday 4-2.

Josh Eveland, arguably the best hurler in the East Bay, went the distance against Piedmont, allowing no earned runs. Eveland allowed six hits and struck out seven. Currently the right-hander is 8-0 with an earned run average under 1.00.

Mark David Riddle homered for the Panthers in their victory over the Scots.

On Friday Mike Sanders picked up the victory for St. Mary's, while James Murphy got the save. Hasai Washington homered for the Panthers.

The El Cerrito Gauchos fell to 2-5 in the ACCAL last Wednesday by dropping at 3-1 affair to Encinal.

The Jets pinned the loss on El Cerrito sophomore Donny Davis although he actually hurled a gem, going the distance and allowing just one earned run and three hits. The Gauchos committed three errors on the day. Shomari Beverly homered for victorious Encinal.

More goings on about town

Artisans Spring Open Studio: May 4 - 7, 11 - 6 p.m.: Susan Brooks, Carol Lee Shanks and Bill Creitz show their original design art to wear clothing, jewelry, figurative paintings, garden sculpture, ceramics and masks; Strawberry Creek Design Center; 1250 Addison St., #214; Berkeley; 845-2612.

Albany Arts Gallery: "Fantasy and Reality" through May 11: Group Show of Color Photography; Lorna Lindsay, Dolores Bermak, Dan Winheld.

Albany Community Center: Sculpture of local artist Dorothy Caja and drawings of Frances Spencer; Recreation and Services Office; 8:30 - 5 p.m.; 11249 Marin Ave., Albany.

Apples! An exhibit of large-size photographs by the Image Circle Photographers, under the guidance of Dorothy Levitt Mayers. On display at Fatapples Restaurant until mid-May. 7525 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito.

Berkeley Historical Society: On-going, Thurs. - Sat., noon - 4 p.m.: "A Unique Legacy: The Japanese American Experience in Berkeley, 1895 - 1995": photos, memorabilia, videos, programs; free; Veterans' Building, 1931 Center St. 848-0181.

East Bay Women Artists: Through May 10 at the Alta Bates Medical Center Art Gallery. 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley

Graduate Theological Union: "Haitian Paintings" through June 2. Hewlett Library, GTU, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. 649-2540.

Harris Gallery: Through May: "The Italian Poster 1895-1955", featuring the posters of Hohenstein, Medicovitz, Cappiello, Mauzan, Sepo and others; 3032 Claremont Ave., at Prince St., Berkeley. 658-6609

Judah Magnes Museum: "It Belongs in a Museum," Acquisitions 1992-95. Through May 7; 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-3650.

Mediterranean Gallery: May 7, 4 p.m.: Opening festivities: poetry reading by Gene Gordon and Tom Ross; photography by Lydia Gans and Florence Hackel; painted images by Victoria Ramos and sketches by Guy Colwell; Telegraph Ave., between Haste and Dwight; Call 644-9819.

NIAD: Through May 19: "Passage to our Ancestral Truth," curated by Caryl Henry; African American artists: Diana Bates, Edie Boone, Claude Ferguson, Mark Hawkins, Yvonne Hudson, Amana Johnson, Martha Lane, Marlon Mullen, Willette Wilson. 551 23rd St., Richmond. 620-0290.

Phoebe Hearst Museum: "Back

Roads to Far Towns: Folk Art of Rural Japan", through June 11; "Los Pintores de Tigua: An Indigenous Art Form From Ecuador", through May 28; "Tibetan Voices: Portrait of a Culture in Exile," April 26 - July 16; UC campus, 103 Kroeber Hall, College Ave. and Bancroft Wy., Berkeley.

Rise Up And Call Her Name: Through May 12: "Cilla's Circles and Magical Mandalas" by Cilla Mitchell, "Embracing her Earthy Spirit," altars by Carol Grayling; Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291.

University Art Museum: "Urban Revisions" through July 16; "In a Different Light," through April 9: Walter Hood, "Urban Diaries" through May 7; "Endspace: Jans Hofman and Michael Bell," through July 16; UC Berkeley campus, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Disability Arts Fair: Artists reception May 5, 6:30 - 8 p.m.; art exhibit through May 14, Civic Arts Windows Gallery; Allston at Milvia.

Horizon to Horizon: May 5 Reception: works in all media by Bay Area artists; through June 4; ACCI Gallery; 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 843-2527.

Berkeley Potters' Guild: Spring Show and Sale: Weekends of May 6 and 7; 13 and 14; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. every day; 15 separate studios and various kilns; 731 Jones St. 524-7031.

Spring Open Studio: May 4, 5, 6 and 7: Susan Brooks and Carol Lee Shanks; Handcrafted new work, art, jewelry, clothing; Strawberry Creek Design Center; Berkeley; 845-2612.

Creativity Continues: Video on the Marquetry work of Albert Rosenblatt through May; Judah L. Magnes Museum; 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

Tattoo Archive: Through August: Flash Sheets from the 1920-1960's; 2804 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 548-5895.

ECAA Gallery: May 5-7: Spring Art Show; champagne reception and awards presentation May 7, 3 p.m.; May 8: Winners works shown through the end of May; El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. 525-7711

Richmond Art Center: May 10

p.m.; Civic Center Plaza; Richmond; 620-6772.

New Beginnings: May 5, 6 - 9 p.m.; May 6, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Prime selection of self-taught, visionary, native and outsider art by 50 artists; National Institute of Art and Disabilities; 551 23rd St., Richmond; 620-0326.

Frédéric Bouché's Tree: May 11 - May 14; 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Huge installation drawn over surface of 5763 sheets of paper; International House Auditorium; 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley.

Art Show: Reception May 7, 4-6 p.m.: Judith Corning and photographer Treve Johnson; through mid-June; Albany Community Center foyer Gallery; 1249 Marin Ave., Albany.

New Pieces: May 5 Reception, 7:30 p.m.: Carroll Griffiths, a contemporary quilter from Modesto; through June 1; 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley.

Support groups, self-help

Recovering Couples Anonymous: Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., for couples and individuals, heterosexual and homosexual; Mandana North; 6060 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 524-3665.

ASA-AMI: May 10, 7-8:45 p.m.: support meeting for family members who have mentally ill relatives; free; Claremont branch Berkeley Library; 841-8361.

Stroke Group: First Tues of month; 4-5 p.m.: For stroke survivors, families and friends; 204-4503; Also: Caregiver Support Group: 2nd

and 4th Weds; 204-4406; Herrick Campus; 2001 Univ.

AIDS Self-Help: Meets every Tuesday evening, 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.; by Mary Richards, author of *Your Mind* cassettes; 945-0941.

Albany Toastmasters: and third Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.; Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. 233-0268

Berkeley-Emergency: Meets every Tuesday p.m., to improve presenters; Heinz St. (north of Adeline St.), Berkeley. 540-6200.

El Cerrito Toastmasters: every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Fairmount Child Care Clubhouse, 715 Lexington. Cerrito. 526-3710.

Turning Point Career: Offers drop-in support group for seekers and career changes; Bancroft, Berkeley. 843-4343.

Secular Organizations: Support groups for addicts in recovery; group for co-dependents; Singles Support Group; going, for men and women; exploring emotional and growth. Eight week. 527-7671.

State Health Toastmasters: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday 1:10 p.m.; 8th floor, Walnut 2125 Berkeley Way, Berkeley. 4964 or 643-8670.

Women Support Group: supportive groups for therapeutic sharing of insights. Over- and under-25 groups. \$25/week. 527-7671.

BRJCC annual gala Saturday

"New York, New York," the annual auction and gourmet gala of the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center will take place on Saturday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. under the stars in the courtyard of the BRJCC at 1414 Walnut St. in Berkeley. The evening will include a silent and live auction and live music for dancing.

Bette Kroening, chef/owner of Bette's Oceanview Diner, is food and beverages coordinator of the gala. Bette will prepare the evening's delicacies with a little help from Mike and Barbara Rose of SemiFreddi's, Richard and Ann Lauer of Rick & Anne's, Carolyn

Weil of The Bakeshop, and gourmet chefs and restaurateurs.

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East Bay Events This Week



Mula West at the Maybeck

Mula West, who has established herself as 'one of today's young singers,' according to Dick Whittington, performs this weekend with pianist Ken Muir and bassist Al Adinski. The performance is at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall, 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. Tickets \$20. Call 848-3228 for reservations, which are required.

Berkeley High presents Italian comedy, short plays about African-American life

The students of the Berkeley High Drama Department will present *The Servant With Two Masters*, a commedia dell'arte farce set in 16th-century Italy, plus four short plays that look at African-American life: *Hairpiece*, *Photo Session*, *Last Mama on the Couch* and *Imperable Immutables*. The performances are at 8 p.m. May 5, 6, 12 and 13 at the Florence Schwimly Little Theater on Alston Way at Milvia, Berkeley. Tickets are \$4.50 (\$3.50 seniors/students) at the door.

Youth orchestra plays Tchaikovsky's 5th

The Young People's Symphony Orchestra holds its spring concert May 4 at 7 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. The program consists of a Mozart overture, Vivaldi's *Concerto for Two Flutes* (with Regan Dodson and Blake Underwood), Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 5*. Tickets are \$6; (\$3 seniors/students) at the door. Call 283-2651 or 849-YPSO for details.

Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven at St. Alban's

A program of Haydn and Beethoven trios will be performed tonight by cellist Elisabeth Le Guin, violinist Elizabeth Blumenstock and pianist Elaine Thornburgh. On Saturday, the latter two play *Masses and variations by Mozart*. Both concerts are at 8 p.m. at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 seniors/students). Call 387-6890 for more details.



100 years of poster art from Italy

The 1899 Hohenstein poster is part of the exhibit 'The Italian Poster: 1895-1955' currently at the Harris Gallery, 1852 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Phone 658-6609. The show runs through the end of May.

Remembering Calvin Simmons

■ The biography sets up the beloved conductor as a role model for school children.

THE CALVIN SIMMONS STORY OR 'DON'T CALL ME MAESTRO' by Rinna Evelyn Wolfe (Muse Wood Press, \$13.95)

By Barbara L. Sloane

On April 27, 1995, Calvin Eugene Simmons would have been 45 years old. Unfortunately, the former conductor of the Oakland Symphony Orchestra died tragically at the age of 32.

So great, however, was his impact on the Bay Area's music community in his brief life that the Oakland East Bay Symphony dedicated its April 21 performance of the Verdi Requiem to Simmons' memory.

Movies

Earlier this spring Laura Naughton, the orchestra's executive director, had announced the establishment of a music fund to honor Simmons. The Calvin Simmons Guest Artist Fund will underwrite performances with the orchestra by notable musicians and other performing artists.

Who was this young musician who burst upon the local music scene in 1979, becoming the first black conductor of a major orchestra west of the Mississippi?

Berkeley author Rinna Evelyn Wolfe has written *The Calvin Simmons Story* to answer that question. In a book almost as brief (less than 150 pages) as her subject's life, she traces the career of the San Francisco native who rose to prominence in the classical music world.

When Simmons took the reins as conductor of the Oakland Symphony Orchestra, he was taking one more step on a musical path begun when he was 3 years old. The only child of older parents, Simmons was born on April 27, 1950, in San Francisco. His mother, Mattie Pearl, led the Mount Zion Baptist choir, and even as a toddler, Simmons delighted in imitating his mother's conducting gestures.

At 5 he began formal piano lessons, and by age 8 he was performing Chopin. Gifted with nearly perfect pitch and an ability to play by ear, he progressed rapidly in his music studies.

A major step on his journey to the Oakland Symphony position was Simmons' introduction to

Madi Bacon and the San Francisco Boys Chorus. Here he sang, accompanied and conducted fellow members in song throughout his teen years.

He derived special pleasure from the chorus' summer camps at Feather River near Quincy. At 15 Simmons wrote and performed his own short opera for the other campers. By the time he was 17, he had become a camp counselor, already known for his practical jokes and ever-present sense of humor.

While still a teenager Simmons began hanging around the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House, eventually working as an accompanist and vocal coach in the Merola Opera Program, a training program for upcoming singers.

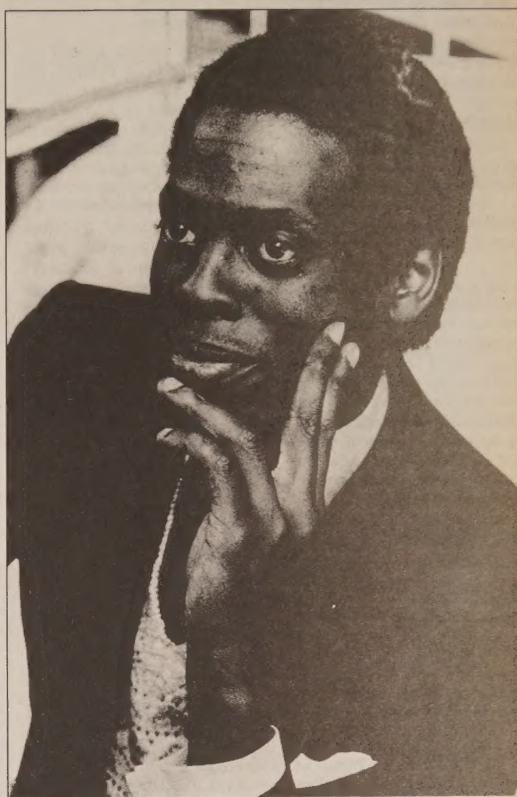
The young musician was fortunate in the number of interested adults who recognized his talents and encouraged him over the years. In addition to Madi Bacon, there were his junior and senior high music teachers, Louise McTernan, Joseph Alessi and Sidney Walker; his mentor at the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Max Rudolph; pianist Rudolf Serkin; and last but certainly not least, Kurt Herbert Adler, general director of the San Francisco Opera.

Thanks to the help of these and many other prominent musicians, and his own dedication to his chosen profession, by 1973 Simmons had realized several accomplishments unusual for one so young. As author Wolfe writes—

"And so at 22, Calvin had graduated from college, earned an award (the third annual Kurt Herbert Adler Award for outstanding musical ability), made his debut as a conductor (in December, 1972, conducting *Hansel and Gretel* at San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts) and visited Europe. He was ready to work full time in San Francisco's opera house (as Adler's assistant conductor)."

Wolfe traces Simmons' years in San Francisco, working with the singers of the Western Opera Theater (S.F. Opera's touring company for young singers), in England where he conducted at the prestigious Glyndebourne Festival, in Los Angeles as assistant to Zubin Mehta, and in other American cities where he guest-conducted.

The experience proved valuable when Simmons was chosen to be one of six guest conductors for the Oakland Symphony's 1978-79 season. By July 1979, the selection committee had



Portrait from the cover of 'The Calvin Simmons Story' Robert Reiter

unanimously chosen him to become the orchestra's new music director.

Opening night on Oct. 16, 1979, was a gala affair at Oakland's Paramount Theatre. The city's music lovers welcomed Simmons with open arms. One newspaper reviewer described him thus: "Calvin is a rare and special person, honest with himself, honest with his players."

Simmons' involvement in the community, his interest in the Youth Symphony and bringing music into the schools, and his own charismatic personality embodied in his infectious smile endeared him to Oaklanders. His tragic drowning in 1982 cast a pall over the Bay Area and the music world.

Author Wolfe is clearly a solid fan of Simmons. Her book is an obvious effort to see that his legacy lives on. Because she emphasizes Simmons' desire to introduce children to music at an early age, as he himself was, her account of his life is especially appropriate for young readers.

Short, with numerous photos of Simmons at various stages in his life, and easily readable, this book would help young musicians quickly learn about one of the Bay Area's own musical success stories.

'The Calvin Simmons Story' is the first book to cover the life of an important talent who flashed across our lives far too swiftly.

Adults might wish for more amplification about certain periods of Simmons' life and perhaps a less panegyric review of his concerts. Nevertheless *The Calvin Simmons Story* is the first book to cover the life of an important talent who flashed across our lives far too swiftly, much like Simmons' adored Mozart.

How many ways can you fix chicken soup?

THE CHICKEN SOUP BOOK by Janet Hazen, Drawings by Lilla Rogers (Chronicle Books, \$14.95)

By Barbara L. Sloane

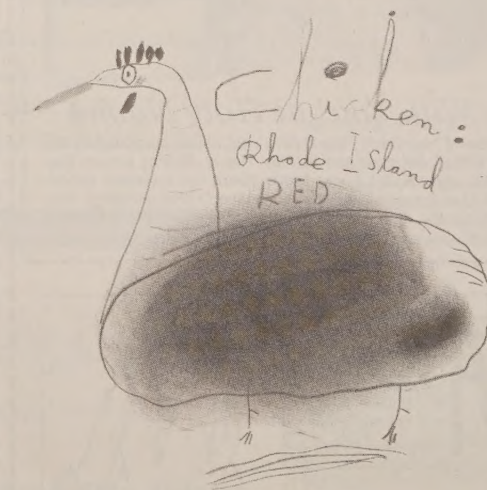
If we had a regular food section in this newspaper, this book would never have reached my desk. But we don't and it did, much to my delight.

What more welcome thought during the seemingly endless days of rainy, gray skies we've been experiencing this year than that of a delicious, aromatic bowl of rich chicken soup.

Books

But an entire cookbook devoted to chicken soup? The idea is not nearly as bizarre as it may appear on the surface because, as Janet Hazen says in her introduction: "As an antidote for colds and flu, depression, bad report cards, upset stomachs, cramps, political unrest, allergies, bronchitis, arthritis and hangnails, a bowl of steaming hot chicken soup is cherished in most every part of the world."

So Hazen presents her collection of "Old and New Recipes From Around the World," as the subtitle indicates. Hazen, who resides in Oakland, is a cookbook author and restaurant critic whose articles have appeared in numerous magazines and newspapers.



Lilla Roger's whimsical drawings illustrate Janet Hazen's 'The Chicken Soup Book.'

In the past she has written books about the vegetarian table, sandwiches, garlic, mustard and juices.

Included in *The Chicken Soup Book* are over 50 international recipes, arranged according to their geographic location. So we find sections on North, Central and South America; Asia and the

South Pacific; Africa and the Caribbean; India and the Middle East; the Mediterranean; and Northern Europe, Russia and the Adriatic.

But Hazen doesn't just plunge into her exotic offerings. First she starts with the principles of making chicken soup. Because chicken stock is the base for prac-

tically all of the soups in the collection, the author offers advice on purchasing, storing and cooking chicken. She even suggests how to cut chicken meat and faces up to the ugly task of what to do with chicken fat. (No secret here; she doesn't dispose of it but uses it for making a roux or for sauteing vegetables or for adding to cooked grains and beans.)

With the preliminaries out of the way, Hazen provides two basic recipes, one for a strong chicken stock and one for a light stock. As you might guess, she prefers the homemade variety to canned chicken broth but acknowledges the usefulness of a high-quality, low-sodium canned product.

The many soup recipes in the book are as varied as the countries in which they originated. The ingredients tell the tale in most cases. Where would you expect to find paprika, caraway seeds, bacon, tomatoes, potatoes and pasta, except in a Hungarian Chicken Goulash?

Greek Avgolemono soup is probably so familiar to many Americans that we are brought to a stop when we realize—yes—that is a soup with a chicken stock base. In the Middle Eastern soups, cracked wheat, coriander, cumin and spinach appear in several variations.

Titles alone hint at the anti-
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Soup

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pated ingredients for many of the soups: Mexican Chicken Chili Pepper-Tortilla Soup, Danish Cream of Chicken and Mushroom Soup (yum), Persian Chicken and Yellow Split Pea Soup with Mint, Puerto Rican Chicken-Rice Soup with Peppers, Chinese Chicken-Won Ton Soup, German Chicken and Cabbage Soup with Garlic Sausage, and Tahitian Chicken Papaya Soup.

As is apparent from some of the titles above, many of these soups are quite adequate as one-dish meals. Frequently Hazen suggests an appropriate bread or salad as accompaniment to the soup.

She also gives tips on locating more unusual ingredients such as plantains, hearts of palm and the five different varieties of mushrooms called for in a Russian chicken soup recipe. However, given the Bay Area's incredible wealth of ethnic groceries, acquiring the necessary ingredients for most of these soups should be much easier than in many parts of the country.

Throughout *The Chicken Soup Book* illustrator Lilla Rogers has scattered her colorful, playful line drawings, representing everything from a sprig of oregano to a plump brown poulet.

In case you're wondering how Hazen covers the diversity of the regional North American cuisines, four recipes are presented: Louisiana Chicken Gumbo, New England Chicken and Bacon Soup, Tex-Mex Smoked Chicken and Chili Pepper Soup, and what Hazen calls a classic recipe for "Jewish penicillin." Chicken Soup with Matzo Balls.

Thumbing through Hazen's book and imagining the tantalizing smells and savory tastes leads a reader to accept her statement that chicken soup is clearly a universal cure-all.

Or, as she writes, "If in fact 'Jewish penicillin' doesn't solve life's most stubborn problems, it at least relieves many of the symptoms."

'Panther' aimed at viewers with no memory

The film may stir up racial animosity rather than answer lingering questions.

By Renata Polt

I hardly regard myself an expert on the Black Panthers, the revolutionary black power movement founded in the 1960s, though I was more or less present at its birth: during the turbulent '60s, I taught English at Oakland's Merritt College, when the party got its start, and where the controversial Huey P. Newton, "Minister of Information," was a student of mine.

Movies

At my wedding, the best man wore a "Free Huey" button (I wore a mini dress). So I've followed the story of the Panthers, which has yet to be fully told.

Far from being the honest account many besides me have been waiting for, the new film, *Panther*, directed and by Mario Van Peebles (*New Jack City*) and written and co-produced by his father, Melvin Van Peebles (*Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song*), is a simplistic docudrama that will do more to stir up racial animosity than to answer lingering questions.

The story is seen through the eyes of a fictitious character, Judge (Kadeem Hardison), who also intermittently narrates. A returned Vietnam vet and serious UC student, Judge is radicalized by what he witnesses of official indifference to the black community and, worse, police brutality when community members stage a peaceful demonstration.

Recruited into the newly formed Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, he interacts with real-life figures like Eldridge Cleaver and party founders Bobby Seale and Huey Newton.

In the film, members of the black community, with a few exceptions — a conservative

cleric, a drug pusher, a couple of black cops — universally become Panther supporters. Whites, with the exception of a handful of wimpy Panther wannabes and a few hippie drug buyers, are all racists and scumbags. Talk about black-and-white characterizations!

The police are not only corrupt but also as bumbling as Keystone Cops. Only FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover (played by Richard Dysart and portrayed like a comic strip figure, spookily lit and accompanied by an attack dog), together with his cohorts, is truly — and evilly — effective.

Aside from a couple of identifiable Oakland and Berkeley shots, most of the action appears to have been filmed in L.A. Merritt College is never mentioned.

A large portion of the story hinges on the (unsupported) claim that the FBI broke up the Panthers and attempted to destroy the black community by pouring cheap drugs into the ghetto — what one white character in the film refers to as the "final solution," an unsavory reminder of Hitler's "final solution to the Jewish problem."

Other factoids are equally creative. In *Panthers*, the women ("sisters") are accepted as equals in the organization, when it's been widely reported that they were cast in subordinate roles.

Inaccuracies occur in smaller details, too. Fashions in clothes and hairdos are all wrong — even Huey's famed afro is missing. Aside from a couple of identifiable Oakland and Berkeley shots, most of the action appears to have been filmed in Los Angeles.

Merritt College is never mentioned: If they attend college at



Marcus Chong plays Huey Newton, founder of the Black Panther Party, in Mario Van Peebles film 'Panther.'

all, the film's characters go to Cal. (And no, I'm not bitter because Huey's English teacher didn't get a mention.)

Equally disturbing is the comic-book dialogue: Characters actually say, "This thing is bigger than you and me" and "You mean—?!" No foolin'.

As to the film's Huey, he is played by Marcus Chong, who bears only a passing resemblance to the original and displays little of his charisma.

Panther should do well among people with no knowledge of the group's history — do well, that is, making money for the filmmakers and raising the level of misinformation, paranoia, and racial antagonism.

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'You Can't Take It With You' at Holy Names

The George S. Kaufman-Moss Hart comedy 'You Can't Take It With You' will be presented by the Holy Names College Drama Workshop Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Heavy-drinking actress Gay Wellington (Anne Radovich), with glass, tells the Sycamore family about her theatrical experiences—Grandpa (Jack Paul), left, Paul (Joe Spingola) and Penny (Seana O'Shaughnessy). Performances are at 8 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Regents' Theatre at Holy Names College, 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. Call 436-1031 for ticket information.



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One woman's dedication at heart of upcoming Choir Festival

When I think of the GRIP Festival of Choirs, I also think of Felicia Cipolla. They are as one to me. Felicia Cipolla has been the person of the Choir Festival as long as it has existed, and her dedication to it is beautiful. The Festival of Choirs is a wonderful event. Choirs from all over the area, and the one from the Richmond synagogue, come together to sing separately and together. Everyone doing what they do best to do, which is sing, or play an instrument, and a camaraderie that is love.

In addition to the choirs, of course, everyone is invited to come and share the delight. On May 7, at 7 p.m., at the Hope Lutheran Church, 725 San Pablo Ave., in Berkeley.

It is a big job that Felicia does every year. Each year she must find different host church, make arrangements, send out notices, recruit and recruit choirs, put together a program and do all the myriad things that make for a

successful event. And the problems are many: the size of the church, the size of the program ... well, anyone who has put together any sort of event knows them well.

Felicia Cipolla was born in Bonn, Germany, where her father was a publisher and her godmother was a countess. When we met for this interview, Felicia brought with her pictures of the commanding, bearded father and books that he had translated into German. He looked stern and, obviously, he was.

Her mother came to the U.S. as a tour guide, guiding a group of Germans through New York and Washington, D.C.

A linguist and musician, her mother decided to locate here, and later sent for Felicia and her brother who, with half brother Henry as chaperone, came to the U.S. by ship.

They lived in Reno, where her mother had gone to obtain a divorce from her second husband. Reno, she says, was beautiful and a

nice place to grow up. She graduated from the university there, majoring in languages and education.

"With a degree in education you can teach anything," she says, and remembers teaching everything at a school in Fernley, Nevada. It was a small high school with 30 students, and she taught English, French, History, P.E., and Music.

She met Victor Cipolla in a record shop. They were both there to pick up the prize records they had each won by identifying some music on radio. Victor was in the service, and was transferred to Fort Benning.

They married in San Francisco and had their first child when he was stationed in Fort Lewis. Then he went overseas. When he returned she was in the hospital having their second baby and he walked into her hospital room on crutches.

In total, they have seven children: Vicky, now in Salt Lake City; Susan, in Sacramento;

Claudia, in Grass Valley; Cindy, in San Diego; Bob, in El Sobrante; Marianne, in Arcadia; and Michael just graduating from Chico State.

With such a large, active family, it is hard to believe how active Felicia has been in the community. She joined GRIP through her church (GRIP: Greater Richmond Interfaith Program), which is the Mira Vista United Church of Christ in El Cerrito. But it is interesting to hear her progression of religions. A Lutheran by birth, when her mother was working in Poland she lived with a family who baptised her Catholic. At school in Berlin, she was Protestant, in Reno Baptist, and she had a Catholic wedding.

She has been active in her church and in GRIP for many years.

But she has also been active in the greater community. One of her favorite activities has been AFS, American Field Service. Through the years the Cipollas have had several AFS students in their home. The first was from Argentina. One,

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



very special to the family, was from Belgium. She was a gourmet cook and an artist. Felicia was able to enroll her in a photography class at the Richmond Art Center, and she took a photography class at Kennedy High School. This young woman is now a professional photographer in Belgium.

We return to the Festival of Choirs, and Felicia speaks of the very special pleasure this year. There will be a Laotian Children's Choir, of 26 children, from Grace Lutheran Church. Cipolla says the minister of Grace Lutheran, Stacey Brown, has put that choir together and is excited about having them sing in the Festival.

Felicia is also worried about space. In the last few years the Festival has been held in large spaces such as the Unitarian Church in Kensington and Temple Beth Hillel in Richmond. This church is smaller, she says, and she worries about the arrangements when all of the singers stand together to sing. Then she says, "It will work out. It always has."

Having known Felicia Cipolla for many years, it was a joy to really learn more about her, during our interview.

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The recent expansion at this popular restaurant on North Main Street, not only gained in accommodation and appeal, but with the addition of Nash you can count on musical selection of quality, taste, and range. His repertoire is extensive and enviable.

"I started two weeks ago," a jubilant Nash told me. Appearing Wednesday through Saturday nights, it is wise to make a reservation here. A full house is the norm rather than the exception. You can bet that I'll be back for more delicious risotto and class musical interpretation often.

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RESTAURANT BITES: Last week I told you about the Chefs in America Foundation's annual Spring 1995 Dinner which was to be held last Sunday. Unfortunately, I got word after press time that the event would be postponed to mid-June due to unanticipated conflicting schedules with the participants. You can bet that I will keep you posted on this wonderful gift to the East Oakland Youth Development Center just as soon as a new date is announced...Diablo Valley College's Hotel and Restaurant Management Department's "A Taste of Diablo Valley" event last Sunday proved that the public will still embrace good food and wine even under uncertain weather conditions. A few slight showers didn't prevent a good experience. In addition to the participating restaurants and wineries, the students and instructors gave cooking demonstrations, produced ice carvings on the spot and gave the public a glimpse into what the program offers. On Monday, May 22, however, the HRM Department will pull out all of the stops for its annual banquet dinner. Held at the Concord Hilton, the banquet is completely prepared and served by the students. For more information, call (510) 685-1230 ext. 555.

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MUSICAL NOTES: A rare musical treat is about to take place at Oakland's Paramount Theatre on Saturday, May 13. Australian organists Tony Fenelon and John Atwell will come together in performance for a unique organ pops concert. The Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer is one of only four organs in the country with a duet console which allows two organists to simultaneously play one pipe organ. More surprises are in store as well as a program ranging from classics to popular favorites. For details, call the box office at (510) 465-6400.

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■ MARTIN SNAPP

Will The Real Nate Miley Please Stand Up? Did you read that long puff piece about Oakland councilman Nate Miley in last week's Chronicle?

But behind the scenes, many of his longtime supporters and council colleagues are scratching their heads and asking each other, "What's wrong with Nate?"

The evidence: The ham-handed way he's handled two recent staff changes.

The first change: The departure last November of his key district office aide, Celeste Fendell.

The second change: The demotion last week of his Chief of Staff, Pamela Drake, and her replacement by newcomer Michele Molotsky.

Now, Miley is entitled to promote and demote anyone he pleases. But the way it was done shows a total lack of class.

Guess how Drake found out about it? When she suddenly got calls from reporters all over town saying, "Hey, I just got a press release from someone named Michele Molotsky saying she's in and you're out. What's going on?"

It turns out Molotsky sent out the press release (with Miley's approval) before anyone thought of informing Drake.

Real classy, huh?

It makes Miley look like a total wuss.

It makes Molotsky look like Eve Harrington.

The only one who comes out this with any dignity is Drake herself, who, despite inquiries from the press (including me), loyally refuses to publicly bad-mouth her boss.

In fact, the puff piece in the Chronicle was based on positive information about Miley that Drake spoon-fed the reporter.

(And in case the name sounds familiar, yes, it's the same Pamela Drake I wrote about last week — the woman who chased a pair of homophobic harassers off College Avenue. I never dreamed I'd be writing about her again so soon.)

Edifice Complex: In happier news, the identity of the mysterious Warren Freeway sculptor has been solved.

Last week The Montclairian ran a story about strange metal sculptures that have popping up the last few months on some empty Caltrans property on Highway 13, right above Lake Temescal. Neither Caltrans nor PG&E nor any of the residents could figure out who's doing it.

Well, I know who it is. Not that I'm a great sleuth or anything. He called me.

It turns out to be my ex-shrink. I promised not to reveal his name, but I can tell you that all the sculptures are gone. "Caltrans came by over the weekend and took them all away," he said refully.

Now he's looking for a new location, and he's asking you readers to select it for him. "The only way to make it in the art world these days is to find a gimmick," he says, "and this is mine."

In the meantime, three of his sculptures will be raffled off at the Montclair Presbyterian Church's Festiva Fantastico this Sunday.

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By George, I Think They've Got It: After years and years of reporting the demise of one cultural organization after another, it's a pleasure for me to welcome a new group, the Oakland Lyric Opera, to the local scene.

They got off to a promising start last weekend at the Scottish Rite Center, with a sparkling version of "My Fair Lady."

Now, you might think that I'm prejudiced because my cat is named Eliza Doolittle. (And, of course, you'd be absolutely right.) But this production was, well, lovely.

Understand, they still have a few bugs to work out. I wasn't crazy about the guy who played Higgins. (He tended to declaim his lines more than necessary.) And the guy who played Colonel Pickering was more like Colonel Blimp.

But Katy Stephan was an enchanting Eliza. And that's what really counts, isn't it?

Three cheers for this ambitious young company. May they tread the local boards for many years to come.

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A House Divided: Finally, replies to last week's column are still pouring in.

I heard from a lot of left-wingers who say I'm right about Rush Limbaugh but wrong about Uhuru House, and a lot of right-wingers who say I'm right about Uhuru House but wrong about Rush Limbaugh.

But whatever their differences, they agree on one thing - I'm a bastard.

The only question is whether I'm a "nigger-loving Jew bastard" (as one conservative correspondent so elegantly put it) or a "scum-sucking racist bastard" (as one liberal letter-writer put it).

All I can say to both extremes is this: You have no idea how much you resemble each other.

Haven't we learned anything from Oklahoma City?

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in the Journal. Phone Martin at 273-9543; write him c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619; or e-mail him at Snapp@BMUG.org or CATMAN 666@AOL.com

Village

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Housing and Dining Services, which administers family housing, did not consult with residents about the need for rent increases.

As a result, the university organized a committee of student parents and administrators to iron out the differences.

The presentation at California Hall last week was an effort to "personalize" the issue. In addition, the community has been flooding the chancellor's office with e-mail letters in support of the residents' position.

Mitchell said he was genuinely concerned by the financial hardships rent increases could pose for student parents but stressed that there were "no easy answers."

"We have been looking at the sale of properties to help fund the necessary upgrades, but we still do not see a way to do this without some amount of rent increase," he said.

Plaza

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investment." She also believes he is not caring properly for his retail tenants.

"I'm not sure I want to get into any kind of an agreement with Mr. Bilak, since he's shown no interest in participating in this community," she said.

La Force, however, suggested looking at the agreement "in a different light."

He said that Lucky and Bilak may in fact be able to make certain changes on which the city would have little influence. A cooperative agreement, he said, might give the city a means by which it can influence construction of the new Lucky store in ways that would benefit the community.

One area of particular concern to La Force is the future of Cerrito Creek. The April meeting was Bilak's first introduction to the community's interest in enhancing the creek, he said. Both the council and the former Redevelopment Advisory Committee have expressed interest in restoring the creek in some way and perhaps making it a point of interest and attraction, drawing more people to the Plaza.

Mira Vista

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\$19.5 million dollars," said Woods. "In addition, the school board was relieved of its local authority (and state administrators will remain in the) district until state loan is repaid."

Woods added that Marks was recently fired from his position as the Kansas City School District superintendent.

Part of that district's debt will be paid for by the sale of surplus properties. "I guess you could say we are asset-rich and cash poor," said Ortega. "But with the passage of AB 535 (Bates) the district will be allowed to sell its property for the best use and highest value."

The Leroy-Green Act mandated that properties such as school district surplus sites must be offered to other federal agencies at a quarter of the market value. Bates' bill gave the district special emergency provisions to sell their property at full value.

But during the sale of surplus property at the Mira Vista site to Davidson, Cavanaugh and Ward, a

Safeway

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a separate area to contain (the trash) but we can't require Safeway to do that," Lewis said.

Safeway Assistant Manager Mieng Lien said the store has taken action to address the complaint and has replaced the open bins for new ones with locking lids.

"As far as we know the problem is solved," he said.

In addition, Lien said the store is in the process of requesting a \$10,000 to \$20,000 garbage compressor (to reduce the bulk of refuse on site) through its corporate headquarters, but could not specify when and if authorization would be issued.

BART

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from the RFP originally sent out by BART as it was seeking developers for the property. The developer's figures, she said, came from the proposal submitted in response to the RFP.

The \$5.3 million figure for development of parking at the site was the specific amount approved by voters in 1988, she said; a portion of Measure C's funding resources, it was specifically allocated at that time to BART parking at the Plaza station.

The MOU's stated purpose is to define the responsibilities of each party as the project proposal moves through the environmental and other planning processes. It is also designed to protect the Measure C funding. Recipients of funding are required to prove that they are moving forward at a reasonable pace with proposed projects.

That particular source is designated for new parking only and will finance about 400 new spaces. The developer will have to finance the 350 replacement parking spaces. Redevelopment agency manager Gerry Raycraft

Villa

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about drug trafficking and prostitution continuing at the motel, but rather than revoke the motel's permit, the planning and zoning commission revised the conditions of the permit in January 1992 and asked the owner to work more closely with the police.

The problems at the motel went into remission for a while, but "seem to have come back with a vengeance" since about a year ago, said Kains Avenue resident Barry Preisler who lives near the motel.

During the fall of 1994 Planning Director Cappio sent four letters to Charlie Patel about permit violations. She received virtually no response from him, she said.

"I feel that we have really given Mr. Patel numerous chances and they've been unsuccessful," Cappio told the council Monday night.

Meanwhile, the Albany Police were spending an increasing amount of time dealing with problems at the motel. Officers described people passed out on alcohol and drugs and armed assaults at the motel, as well as prostitutes flagging down cars on San Pablo Avenue in front of the motel. Officer Barry Galloway described in detail a decomposing body found in a Villa Motel room that he could smell from 5 feet outside the door. He was called in by the motel management about 10 days after the suicide — a shotgun blast to the head — because the patron hadn't paid his rent or been seen, he said.

UC Village on San Pablo Avenue was built in the 1940s. Though some units are newer than others, some sections have cracks running from the ceiling to the floor, storm gutters are clogged with grass growing out of the sludge and lead-based paint peels from the exterior walls.

While the advisory committee works on posing combination solutions that might ease the rent increases, other residents posed further options.

Resident Mary Raj, who chose UC Berkeley because it has the lowest family housing costs in the statewide system, proposed a sliding scale to phase in rents for people who are less able to pay.

"It seems as though the university is using a one-size-fits-all approach to its students, and the needs of student parents are different than the needs of other students," Raj said.

Other residents suggested turning the UC Village into

a cooperative, where students would help making their own repairs.

When asked about why the university reserve financial pool to fund the repairs include tearing down units and Mitchell said, "The problem is that we have no reserves because we have to keep rents low but now we have a dilemma on what you are trying to respond to."

But for some mothers, like Mariana Kiara, a dollar must go twice as far for herself and

"We have always relied on our family to provide childcare," said Norris, a single mother. "A few of us thought about house but it doesn't provide the kind of housing complex does."

• "Cooperation between all property agency to implement a coordinated improvement of the entire center;

• the proposed Lucky development;

• a restoration program for Cerrito interest to the city of Albany; the creek boundary between the two cities);

• programs for facade improvements and improvements;

• "desired new building and landscape and

• financial participation by the redevelopment

Council member Norma Jellison

authorizing city staff to contact Bilak

developing an OPA. She first announced

include an effort to involve all the Plaza

"I feel we need to involve all the owners

we do," she said, "...so that we make a

look...in a plan for change at the Plaza."

The redevelopment agency adopted an

OPA working with McMorgan and the

first undertaking the FoodsCo project.

discrepancy arose between the acreage the district thought it had available and the amount truly available — 7.1 acres compared to the intended 8.9.

The district and the developer struck a deal that allowed the builders to take a portion of the play area ("Not too much," said Ortega) in exchange for making improvements to the remaining playground.

In the case of Mira Vista, Ortega says that the cause of the under-enrollment is partly caused by the district's integration efforts and public perception that some school's are "better" than others.

"We really don't have neighborhood schools anymore," said Ortega, "But we also have some racially isolated schools. We have to explore how we can better improve the balance and make schools more palatable for the community."

Administrators created an advisory committee to consult with both the community and the district about the future of Mira Vista. Initially, that group was charged with researching new education programs and improving the curriculum. They were also given a timeline of three

years to stabilize enrollment at 450 students.

However, some people saw that direction as a threat to a goal.

As a result, that item was stricken from the

mission statement.

Woods emphasized that the district is less concerned about the school's viability.

"When you have a school capable of serving students in 28 to 30 classrooms only 11 or 12 are used for educational purposes, we would

remiss not to study all the possibilities," he

But Woods emphasized that the committee

made strides in assuring the viability of Mira

"What we have found is that groups

which really want to make the school success

"What we learned was the fact that if we

courageous enough to give people the power

their future, we build a good alliance for

purpose or need. Hopefully that commitment

bolize a renewal for Mira Vista that will come

future."

Kirkland also said that the department has

any complaints about the garbage, as far as

ence the lot and garbage area is kept

confirmed that those going through the

appear to be transient or homeless.

"There are usually five or six people going

trash daily. Most of them drive there to get

don't appear to be homeless, they are real

seems like almost a meeting place," he said

residents may pick out discarded fruits and

pets.

Kirkland also said that the department has

any complaints about the garbage, as far as

principle way" to address problems exist

ing jobs, housing and travel times.

"We're talking about replacing seven

which has no particular appeal - to me, it's

that the city council will be meeting with

come up with a plan everyone can feel

Resident Steve Price, a former Redevelopment

sory Committee member and a founder of

Cerrito, is a strong advocate of citizen input

and called again Monday for a charter

would directly involve citizens in designing

best serve the needs of the community.

He specifically spoke against Stark's

vote; he said that would reduce a comp

yes-no and would close the door to citizen

development.

Resident Mary Beth Almeda called for

promise that an Environmental Impact

done under CEQA. She also reiterated be

"just because something has been talked

years doesn't mean we need to do it.

Other residents said motel management

rooms, and installed new rugs and new

In about February Sam Patel took the

running the motel. City Treasurer Kim De

Sam Patel has been cooperative and the

bookkeeping and tax records, although

improved a great deal.

Patel's attorney, Stratton, asked the

the motel on its current performance, not

He also said that problems during the

January 1995 period were due to po

which was replaced.

A new night-manager, Vietnam veteran

who has worked the Patels' other hotels in

of San Francisco, said he is "removing

a burley man with a long blond ponytail

away about 60 percent of people who

whom he believes are looking for drugs

"I stop people and tell them, 'I don't know

looking for, but it's not here anymore,"

However, Police Chief Murdo said that

credit for the recent decrease in

activity at the motel is due to the police

Councilmember Thelma Rubin said

per month that residents report paying

be able to find a studio, but City Attorney

said some may not be able to pay deposits

Safe home project draws on historic spirit of community

Annis Evanovsky

With century rural America, building a barn was a true community effort. Neighbors would lend tools and equipment as well as food and refreshments during the labor and complete their efforts would be re-

Volunteers ... help our fellow elderly and disabled citizens feel safer and more secure.

—L.J. JENNINGS
JENNINGS OF CUSTOM FINANCIAL SERVICES

With a new barn, the sense of participating in the growth of a hamlet or village, and a relaxing repast at day's end.

In the same spirit, the concept of "Christmas in April, Safe Home Project" was born. This national repair program drew participants from both the Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR) and the Berkeley Association of Realtors (BAR) on Saturday, April



Larry Wolfley, contractor, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Berkeley Property Owners Association (BPOA), cuts some wood to stop air from coming in under the front door while Bill Geritz scrapes paint around the windows. Work on the home on Russell Street in Berkeley was co-sponsored by BPOA and O.C. Jones & Sons.

"This program provides the Realtor community an effective vehicle for getting involved in the needs of its neighbors," said L.J. Jennings of Custom Financial Services in Oakland. Jennings, a Re-

altor member of the OAR, helped coordinate "Christmas in April" in Oakland.

"We also want to provide local businesses and civic organizations the opportunity to financially support projects that benefit elderly and disabled homeowners," said Tommy Golen of the Albany-Berkeley Interdependent Elders Network, the nonprofit company that organized the project in Berkeley.

Local Realtors such as the Templeton Company and the Berkeley Mason-McDuffie office

helped with financial support as Home Sponsors. These Home Sponsors contribute \$2,500 toward the average cost of materials needed to complete a project on a single-family home.

"Without these companies and others like them, we would have been unable to provide the materials necessary to make this rehab work possible," said Golen's associate Norma Schanz.

There are so many seniors and disabled citizens here in the East

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Volunteer Rick Robinson paints the window trim in the living room at Dohr Street in Berkeley. The work at Dohr was funded by the Templeton Company which also supplied some of the volunteers.

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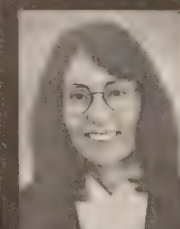
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An artist's touch enlivens Craftsman beauty

By Dennis Evanosky

The best-kept secrets are often right in front of us and, like other neighborhoods, North Oakland has its share.

The two-toned blue house, sheltered by an island of evergreen just across from Washington School, and the name of the adjoining street hint at what was once the Poirier family farm.

When the family sold most of the farm in 1905, developers quickly erected streets of Colonial Revival homes with their classical ornamentation. These homes boasted square floor plans, pyramid-like hipped roofs, decorative plaster strips, and porticos.

This Colonial Revival move-

ment reflected a wish to return to simpler times when the Victorian Era died out with its namesake. The public reacted against the trumphy of the Queen Anne style with its ornate landscape of turrets and bays. As always happens

to-nature movement with the introduction of the California Craftsman style.

It was a Craftsman-style home standing among Colonial Revivals that captured the fancy of

Jensen, a Cal grad with a bachelor's degree in architecture, was looking for a design project. Wolf, who has her degree in studio arts with a minor in painting, hoped for a home where she could work her decorative magic.

"Both of these artists were immensely successful," said Mavis Delacroix of Mason-McDuffie's Piedmont office, who represented Jensen and Wolf in the recent sale of the home.

"In other areas of the East Bay, such as on the south side of Berkeley, or Adams Point, you see buildings from the '60s, disrupting the scale and the character of neighborhoods with 19th- and early 20th-century homes," said Jensen.

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...the designs on the kitchen walls were inspired by Carmen Miranda.

with an artistic cycle, people finally said, "enough is enough."

Early 20th-century designers stripped Victorian ornateness away and left a nice, clean, almost agrarian architecture that harkened back to the simpler days of the 18th century.

This simplicity led to a back-

Morten Jensen and Maria Wolf.

Jensen and Wolf were originally attracted to the Shattuck Avenue neighborhood because it was near UC-Berkeley and BART.

Both wanted a project they could give some tender loving care, rather than a house to move right into.



Maria Wolf's whimsical paintings create the illusion of life in the living room.



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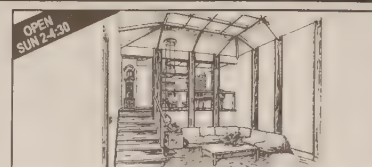


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Safe ...

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who are no longer able to keep their homes safe. They understandably allow normal maintenance to lapse.

This creates conditions that could jeopardize not only their safety, but the sense of dignity and independence as well.

Through this annual program, sponsors and volunteers team up to help remove potentially dangerous conditions and hazards from the homes of both senior citizens and the disabled.

Homes are refreshed not only with paint, but with the security of knowing that there are those in the community who are willing to pitch in and help the seniors and the disabled remain safely in their homes.

"Christmas in April, Safe Home Project" volunteers, coordinated by trained House Captains, provide the help needed to rehabilitate homes and help our fellow elderly and disabled citizens feel safer and more secure," said Jennings.

"This year's program was a success despite the rain," he continued. The OAR was able to raise the funds and provide the volunteers needed to rehab a home in Oakland's Max-

well Park. The BAR sponsored a home on Berkeley's Belvedere Avenue.

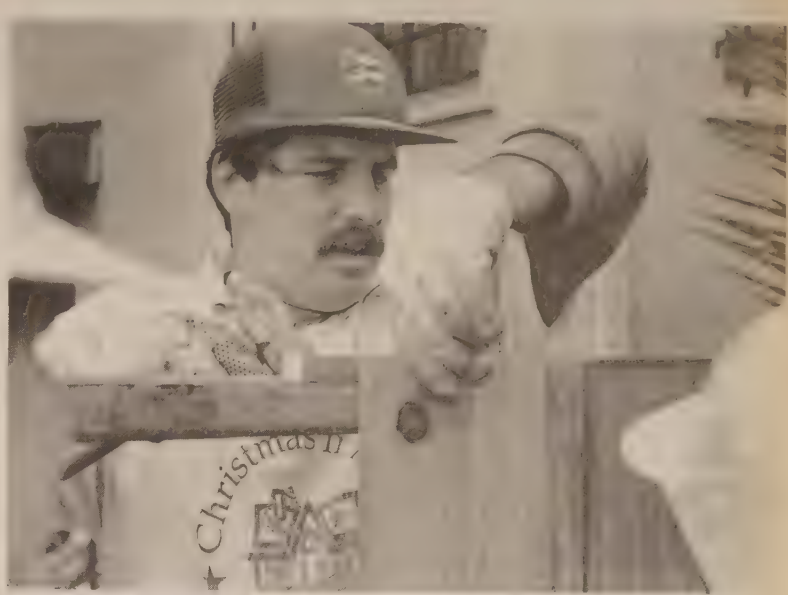
"Despite the focus on the month of April, we are constantly in search of funds to undertake projects that assist both the elderly and the disabled," Golen said.

To find out how you can help, call Golen at the Albany-Berkeley Interdependent Elders Network at 644-8980.

Dennis Evanovsky is an associate broker with Realty World—O'Neal and Associates and a freelance writer. You can reach him at 450-0500.



Evan, roofing contractor, and Doug Adams, a two-year volunteer with the Christmas in April Project, carry carpet into the children's play room at the the Russell Street home in Berkeley.



Al Cochran of the Templeton Company lines up boards for the fence in the back yard of the Dohr Street home in Berkeley which Templeton sponsored.

Kitchen tour includes fine French food

The East Bay French American School holds its Seventh Annual Kitchen Tour and Raffle on Sunday, May 7. The oldest of the Bay Area kitchen tours will include three different activities.

For lovers of French food and restaurants, a breakfast will be held in an exclusive Piedmont mansion. Guests will include over a dozen noted Bay Area food specialists, including a special cooking demonstration and tasting by Kimball Jones, executive chef of the highly

regarded Wente Brothers restaurant. Participants will meet and talk with radio hosts Narsai David and Al Hart, and famous Bay Area chefs Bradley Ogden, Bruce Aidells, Alice Medrich, George Morrone, and many others.

After the leisurely breakfast hosted by school officials and the French consul, there will be a tour of selected East Bay kitchens, some of which are the workplaces for top chefs, others recently designed by respected Bay Area architects. The

tour will be punctuated by a gourmet lunch in a Berkeley mansion.

After the tour, there will be a raffle for exceptional prizes donated by school supporters, including a trip for two to France sponsored by Macy's and Air France, a bonus prize of a trip to New Orleans and a Steamboat excursion up the Mississippi, and many getaways, shopping sprees and cultural events.

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- 17 BAY FOREST DR.** OAK/BERK HILLS 3BD, 2.5BA \$495,000 **DARCY DIAMANTINE**
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- 1864 GRANDVIEW** HILLER HIGHLANDS 3BD, 2BA \$469,000 **OLLIE HAMMEREL**
- 84 STARVIEW** HILLER HIGHLANDS 3BD, 2.5BA \$349,500 **OLLIE HAMMEREL**
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- 4676 REDWOOD RD** REDWOOD HILLS 3BD, 2.5BA \$329,000 **SHERRY BENNINGER**
- 7505 SKYLINE BLVD** MONTCLAIR 3BD, 2BA \$319,000 **KEN MACDONALD**
- 9110 SKYLINE BLVD** MONTCLAIR 4BD, 2BA \$317,000 **DELL M. ORR**
- 2016 MANZANITA** MONTCLAIR 3BD, 2BA \$289,000 **NANCY DICKEY**
- 6939 PASO ROBLES DR.** MONTCLAIR 3BD, 2.5BA \$279,000 **JUDY RANKANKAN**
- 452 LOCHARD** CHABOT HIGHLANDS 3BD, 2BA \$279,000 **RUTH LOCKHART**
- 0443 EVANS AVE** GLENVIEW 2BD, 2BA \$265,000 **JUDY MAHER**
- 60 QUAIL AVE** BERKELEY HILLS 2BD, 1BA \$249,000 **RUBY NG**
- 446 66TH ST** NORTH OAKLAND 3BD, 2BA \$229,000 **VICTOR FIERRO**
- 2078-80 EMERSON** BERKELEY DUPLEX \$189,000 **DONNA DE BARDI**

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OAKLAND ★ MONTCLAIR ★ PIEDMONT ★ ALAMEDA

- PIEDMONT** \$569,000
Charming Cape Cod in sought after location. Separate studio with exterior access, great for home office. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. **George Karsant**
- MEDITERRANEAN!** \$425,000
Built in '32 for boxer May Bar. Incredible living room & master bath. Much original charm. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. 1/4 acre. **Judy Maher**
- REDGEMONT** \$339,000
3BD, 2.5BA, beautiful, spacious master suite with walk-in closets, remodeled eat-in kitchen, family room & large level landscaped yard. A must see! **Sherry Benninger**
- PIEDMONT PINES** \$335,000
Completely rehabbed 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal dining, sun room, level yard with 2 patios. Light & bright. Location, location! **Judy Rankankan**
- ROCKRIDGE FIXER** \$329,000
Paint & elbow grease will restore this stately home to its former beauty. 3+ bedroom, 2 bath home in prime location. **T. Kuika/M. Thompson**
- CROCKED HIGHLANDS** \$319,000
Wonderful 2 story traditional. Beautiful remodeled kitchen, 3 spacious BD, 1.5BA, large terraced garden with greenhouse. 2 car garage. **Adriana Giacomelli**
- UPPER ROCKRIDGE** \$299,900
Updated 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with newer kitchen, level out to patio, office, rumpus room, and two car garage. **Michael Thompson**
- ALAMEDA INCOME** \$279,000
Cute home w/finished bsmt plus detached cottage. Nice landscaped lot, common laundry rm. **Kevin McMullen**
- HEART OF MONTCLAIR** \$279,000
Walk to many conveniences. Well kept 3BD, 2BA. Level out to rear patio. 2 car garage. **George Karsant**
- SHARED LIVING** \$179,000
Possibilities in this well maintained Mills area home. Finished basement has fireplace, non-conforming kitchen and workshop. **Kevin McMullen**

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- ROCKRIDGE LOT** \$219,000
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- 959 TALBOT** ALBANY 3+BR/2BA \$318,000 **NACIO BROWN**
- 1497 LERCY** BERKELEY 4BR/2BA \$625,000 **SOHEYL MODARRESSI**
- 524 GRIZZLY PEAK** BERKELEY 4BR/2BA \$449,500 **MELISSA LYCKBERG**
- 1234 GLEN** BERKELEY 3+BR/2BA \$385,000 **HEIDI LONG**
- 2524 WARRING** BERKELEY 4BR/3BA \$350,000 **LINDA GERSON**
- 2328 CHANNING WAY** BERKELEY 5BR/2.5BA \$359,000 **SOHEYL MODARRESSI**
- 1915 FRANCISCO** BERKELEY 3BR/2+BA \$274,000 **SOHEYL MODARRESSI**
- 1600 CURTIS** BERKELEY 2BR/1BA \$198,000 **JEANNE MCHUGH**
- 1423 BERKELEY WAY** BERKELEY 3BR/1BA \$179,500 **CHRIS COHN**
- 1019 POMONA** ALBANY 2BR/1BA \$233,000 **SALLY HENDRICKSON**
- 7355 MANILA** EL CERRITO 3BR/1BA \$249,000 **DIANA KAY**
- 717 ALBERMARLE** EL CERRITO 3BR/2.5BA \$239,900 **HENRY CHANG**
- 216 BEHRENS ST** EL CERRITO 2BR/2BA \$210,000 **HENRY CHANG**
- 1022 LIBERTY** EL CERRITO 3BR/1BA \$199,000 **DAVE MOSS**
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- 1611 OAKVIEW** KENSINGTON 2BR/1BA \$195,000 **MONA THOMPSON**
- 546 62ND ST** OAKLAND 2BR/1BA \$149,000 **TINA ENSIGN**
- 5440 MANILA** ROCKRIDGE 3BR/2BA \$279,000 **RITA ZWERDLING**
- 439 44TH ST** RICHMOND 2+BR/1BA \$129,000 **KIM CLEVELAND**

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BERKELEY ★ KENSINGTON ★ ALBANY ★ EL CERRITO ★ RICHMOND

- STUNNING BERKELEY HILLS MODERNE** \$659,000
JUST LISTED! The present owners have upgraded almost every aspect of this sophisticated Art Deco style home located on a wonderful sight. 4+BR, 3BA, family room, 3 fireplaces and a master suite with a spectacular view.
- ELEGANT BERKELEY ARCHITECTURAL MASTERPIECE** \$625,000
Outstanding North Berkeley hills location, quiet and peaceful yet only minutes to campus, shops & restaurant. 4BR, 2BA with unique master w/bay views. Wonderful open terrace, balconies, decks & sunny backyard. Designed by John Hudson Thomas, according to Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association.
- TWO HOMES ON WOODED BERKELEY ESTATE** \$569,000
Gorgeous panoramic bay views from both houses! Upper home is 3BR, 2BA with formal dining. Lower house is custom designed 2+BR, 1BA. Incredible grounds for walking, gardens and lawns. Must see!
- PANORAMIC VIEWS FROM THE BERKELEY HILLS** \$449,500
Cape Cod style in the hills. Charming, spacious 4BR, 2BA home with fam rm, formal dining, master suite with frpl plus large, versatile upstairs studio. 2nd fireplace in living room.
- ALBANY PARK SETTING** \$425,000
UNIQUE PROPERTY! Remodeled 3BR, 2BA farmhouse style main house w/fam rm, gourmet kitch & office next to creek. Opens to several patios, decks & hot tub. Plus two cottages & a pool! Must see!
- KENSINGTON WITH SF VIEWS** \$399,900
There is room to spare in this unique Euro-style home. 5BR, 3BA plus a family room. Bay views from every room. Imported tiles, hardwood floors and beam ceilings.
- STUNNING EL CERRITO HILLS CONTEMPORARY** \$365,000
Custom contemp. w/sweeping bay & park views! Gorgeous country kit w/frpl & view deck. 2+BR, 2BA plus a fam rm.
- ROCKRIDGE CRAFTSMAN** \$279,000
Original wood detailing in dining and living rooms. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath down, 1 bedroom, 1 bath up. Walk to BART and College Ave. shops/restaurants.
- GREAT VIEWS, IMPECCABLE HOME** \$249,000
JUST LISTED! Sunny & spacious El Cerrito hills home, 3BR, 1BA, hardwood floors plus deck, garden and patio.
- DARLING BERKELEY BUNGALOW** \$209,000
REDUCED \$10,000! PERFECT STARTER! Lovely North Berkeley location. 2BR, 1BA with formal dining. New bath and kitchen, large living room with fireplace.
- SUNNY & CHARMING REMODEL** \$189,950
Move right in to this 3BR, 2BA with remodeled kitchen, baths & master suite. Lovely landscaped yard & 2 car attached garage. Quiet cul-de-sac, great neighborhood.
- BERKELEY HILLS LOTS W/PLANS** \$175,000
Privacy & seclusion on 3 lots subdivided into 2 parcels in the South Berkeley hills Claremont area. Architect plans available for both parcels, one with a stunning 4,000 sq. ft. home with bay views.
- NORTH BERKELEY FIXER** \$169,000
REDUCED \$40,000! Contractor's take notice! You have your work cut out for you, but location is everything! Walk to the gourmet ghetto from this 1907 home w/4BR, 1.5BA; now 2 units.
- OAKLAND/BERKELEY CHARMER** \$149,000
On the Oakland/Berkeley border only four blocks from College Ave. shopping. 2 bedrooms, large kitchen, formal dining, fireplace, and great backyard for gardening.
- RARE EL CERRITO UNIT** \$115,000
Near Del Norte BART. Spacious, immaculate 2BR, 2BA condo in 10 unit complex. Frpl, balcony & many more amenities.
- SUNNY OAKLAND UNIT** \$94,500
Very sunny and clean 1 bedroom unit in Adams Point. One level with balcony.

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1495 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley

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"The Shattuck Avenue neighborhood is architecturally intact. The Craftsman style, though, points to this house as one of the neighborhood's more recent additions."

Jensen and Wolf like the Craftsman-style home because it celebrated the means of construction. Rather than decorative work, a Craftsman-style house has, for example, simple pieces of wood supporting the roof.

In A Living Legacy, Historic Architecture of the East Bay, Mark Wilson says the Craftsman style "rejected the affection and false decoration of the Victorian Era, choosing instead... the use of natu-

ral materials."

This home has all the appointments of the Craftsman style. A paneled formal dining room, period lighting fixtures and a stone fireplace grace the interior, while the undisguised use of wood and shingles dress the outside.

"This house was built either 5 or 10 years after the others on the block so it's more stylistically advanced," Jensen said. "From what we were able to learn from the building department, the home was built in 1911."

"The house was modified, perhaps in the '50s when the whole exterior had been covered in fake brick," Wolf said. "This was supposedly done for insulation. It turned out to be a real blessing because the 'brick' preserved the

original wood shingles and allowed us to match the shingles more easily, particularly when we were doing the new garage."

Jensen and Wolf saw the house as a challenge. "We designed and built this extremely beautiful house anew," Jensen said. "It was a real labor of love. Working weekends, we resingled, then we designed and did all the prep work for the patio and deck."

They wanted to weave the old and the new together in a seamless way. "We strove to be considerate of both the Craftsman style of the home and the historical nature of the neighborhood. For example, we placed turreted planters on the deck out of respect for the church on the corner."

In working on the restoration of the home, Jensen and Wolf had a real appreciation of the simplicity and logic of the Craftsman style.

Rather than having to do intricate work replacing scrolls or odd shapes, they often needed just wood and simple cuts with the saw.

The home was likely built for a specific client. Its design is similar to a larger house.

The floor plan is reminiscent of Thorsen House, a large Craftsman bungalow on Piedmont Avenue in Berkeley.

The artistry in the house reaches past the restoration of a Craftsman-style house. Wolf's personal touch permeates the rooms as her wall colorings strike the eye.

From a floral pattern chosen to match the furniture in a brightly lit living room to the whimsical plates and saucers in the dining room and the fruit adorning the kitchen, Wolf's designs both amuse and leave one feeling at home.

Wolf describes the designs on the kitchen walls as being inspired by Carmen Miranda. "The fruit tumbles about the wall as though Carmen had been in the kitchen and tossed her famous hat into the air."

"Her wall paintings certainly bring happiness into the house,"

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The Craftsman-style home at 610 63rd St. reflects a return to a simpler architectural design. The surrounding homes are modeled on the Colonial Revival style which was much more ornate.

Build-A-Thon needs funds, help

East Bay Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization that builds homes for, and in partnership with, low-income families, is seeking sponsors, volunteers and pledges for its Independence Build-A-Thon in Oakland from June 30 to July 4. The goals are to raise \$160,000 and to frame eight homes within five days.

According to Joel Mackey, executive director for East Bay Habitat, the need for funds has never been more crucial.

"East Bay Habitat has always attracted wonderful volunteers, many of whom come from considerable distances to participate in our build-a-thons," he said. "But we simply cannot build homes without adequate funding, no matter how many volunteers we have."

Mackey stated that Habitat is

asking individuals throughout the community to seek pledges from friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to support the Independence Build-A-Thon. "To emphasize the importance of pledging, we will be awarding prizes to individuals who raise the most funding," he said.

East Bay Habitat is also currently seeking businesses, both big and small, to sponsor this event. "This is an opportunity to make a tangible contribution to the community, and feel good about doing it," Mackey said.

A total of 40 homes will be built on the 3.6 acre site in the Sbrante Park neighborhood of East Oakland. Ten of the families who will move into this new development lost their homes in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

Former President Jimmy

Carter, who has been involved with Habitat for Humanity since he took office in 1980, has pledged to support the organization as "a hand out." Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to bringing the dream of home ownership within reach of low-income families. The homes at cost, which has been 60 to 80 percent of a household's gross income.

Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 and its affiliate is one of more than 2,500 nationwide. East Bay Habitat recently built four duplexes in the Sbrante Park neighborhood.

Anyone who would like to contribute money, materials or skills to the Independence Build-A-Thon can call East Bay Habitat for Humanity at 251-4



Wolf says the designs on the kitchen walls and refrigerator were inspired by Carmen Miranda.

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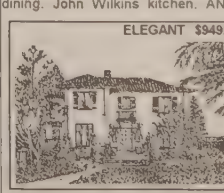

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 Dracena Park location. Spacious living/formal dining open to solarium. Attractive kitchen leads to fam rm w/ fireplace. MINDY SCOTT
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GRACIOUS ENGLISH TUDOR
 Bright, fresh & very elegant Formal living / dining light master suite w/ city vistas ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY

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Painted walls in the living room reflect the owners' loving care of the 63rd Street home which recently sold.

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Heidi Long of the Berkeley Coldwell Banker office who represented the buyer in the recent sale. "While it looks like wallpaper, it's fanciful designs would be found on wallpaper."

In the early part of the 20th

century, the back of a house was regarded as a utilitarian space with little thought given to beautification.

Jensen and Wolf changed that attitude by adding a patio and a deck that invites the visitor outside and up to enjoy a view of the Golden Gate.

Wherever Jensen and Wolf

move, may their new neighborhood-buzz with the sound of the saw and may the smell of fresh paint linger as they work their magic once again.

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- 1000 DENTON PLACE, HILLCREST ESTATES - 3BD/2+BA...\$935,000
Spectacular yet warm contemp., gorgeous bay views. Bonnie Hirsch
- 1000 WOODLAND GARDENS, PIEDMONT - 5BD/3BA...\$869,500
Large traditional, spacious rooms, beautiful gardens. Rosalie Woods
- 1000 GRIZZLY TERRACE, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/2+BA...\$579,000
Great new quality traditional with private hill views. Helen Danhaki
- 1000 WEST VIEW DR, CLAREMONT - 4+BD/3+BA...\$495,000
2+year old contemporary, pano bay/city views. Patty Scott
- 1000 ARMOUR DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA...\$495,000
Bright contemporary, separate guest room/office. Francis Heath
- 1000 CASTLE DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/3BA...\$489,000
Sunny SF/GG views, kit/fam rm opens to private gardens. Joan Hause
- 1000 PARK BLVD., GLENVIEW - 5+BD/3BA...\$428,000
Sunny SF/GG views, kit/fam rm opens to private gardens. Wendy Gardner
- 1000 MATTHEW AVE., UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/3BA...\$425,000
Sunny Mediterranean, marble entry, master suite, fpl. Thomas Wurst
- 1000 CRYSTAL RIDGE, RIDGEMONT - 3BD/2+BA...\$408,000
Sunny SF/GG views, cul-de-sac, family rm. Robyn Mohr
- 1000 HOLLYWOOD AVENUE, GLENVIEW - 3BD/2+BA...\$399,000
Sunny traditional, new kitchen, fantastic yard & decks. Sandi Kiemmer
- 1000 ASCOT DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA...\$379,000
New listing! Move-in condition, great yard with views. Wyn Stephens
- 1000 REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/2+BA...\$369,000
Sunny English, decorated, privacy, deck, park-like yd. Dee Knowland
- 1000 SNOWDOWN AVE., CHABOT HIGHLANDS - 4BD/3BA...\$359,000
Sunny privacy, pano view, gorgeous master ste, gardens. Donna Costella
- 1000 MAXWELLTON, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 2+BD/2+BA...\$329,000
Sunny rooms, updated kit, formal DR, large back garden. Kathy Flynn
- 1000 EDGEWOOD AVENUE, GLENVIEW - 4BD/2+BA...\$319,000
New listing! Grand New England style trad, au pair, lg bk yd. Dick Cohen

BY APPOINTMENT

- CLARENCE MAYHEW DESIGN - PIEDMONT...\$1,950,000
Spectacularly appointed trad in pristine condition. 4BD/3BA, rec rm, patios, decks & pool. Sally Morrison/Dee Dee Bonham
- ELEGANT NEW CONSTRUCTION...\$845,000
Luxury mini-estate with beautiful grounds. 4BD/3BA including luxury master suite, gourmet kitchen, library. Sandi Kiemmer
- PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN...\$739,000
Architectural detail. 5BD/2+BA, 2 extra rms on main level, walk out to schools, workshop, garden. Helen Danhaki 547-5750
- PRIVATE SETTING - PIEDMONT...\$629,000
Spectacularly decorated traditional in pristine condition. 4BD/3BA, gourmet kitchen/family room, well landscaped. Martha Holstlaw
- PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL...\$439,000
4BD/3BA home in wonderful neighborhood. Kitchen/fam rm opens to deck, au pair with separate entry, landscaped yard. Ann Nichols
- SNACK OUT VIEW - MONTCLAIR...\$419,000
Sunny Cool charm in excellent neighborhood. 4BD/2+BA, hwdw w/level-out back yard, 1-car garage. Chuck Corwin
- ROCKY HIGHLANDS TRADITIONAL...\$379,000
Sunny, light-filled, and meticulously maintained. 4BD/3BA, eat-in kitchen, private patio, level yard. Wyn Stephens
- UPPER ROCKRIDGE TRADITIONAL...\$369,000
Outstanding Hillcrest School through grade 8. 3BD/2BA, FDR, panoramic, large patio, level yard. Helen Danhaki 547-5750
- RENOVATED OAKMORE TUDOR...\$349,000
Sunny! Large entry, formal dining, 3BD/2+BA, family room w/ver opens to large deck, hot tub, hwdw floors. Dick Cohen
- EXCELLENT MONTCLAIR LOCATION...\$339,000
Sunny built home with bay view from all rooms. 4BD/3+BA, gourmet kitchen, deck off family rm, au pair w/sep entry. Ann Nichols
- WOODSY RETREAT IN MONTCLAIR...\$329,500
Sunny 3BD/2+BA home offers privacy yet ultimate convenience. Canyon views, kit/fam rm, large entertaining deck. Joan Daniel
- STYLISH CROCKER TRADITIONAL...\$329,000
Sunny maintained 4BD/2BA home w/versatile floor plan. Updated eat-in kitchen, level-out back yard with deck. Wyn Stephens
- NEW CONTEMPORARY - TUNNEL ROAD...\$329,000
Sunny & bright with canyon views from deck. Dramatic living room w/ vaulted ceiling. 3BD/3BA, kitchen/family room. Tom Anthony
- OAKLAND HILLS OASIS...\$329,000
Sunny living! Gorgeous tree setting with views. 3BD/3+BA, fam rm, formal DR, remodeled kitchen, level yard. Thomas Wurst
- CAPTIVATING CONTEMPORARY - MONTCLAIR...\$327,000
Sunny 3BD/2BA, rumpus, remodeled kitchen, spectacular canyon & SF views, large front & rear decks, 2-car garage. Chuck Corwin
- ROCKY HIGHLANDS TUDOR...\$325,000
Sunny 4BD/2BA, plus rm, office, formal dining, remodeled kitchen with eat-in area, fenced yard, 2-car garage. Charlene Claybaugh
- 13090 PARKHURST, PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3BD/2+BA...\$309,000
Very charming, all level, fam rm, formal DR, landscaped yard. Joan Dark
- 12675 BROOKPARK, PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3BD/2BA...\$299,000
All level, move-in condition, fam rm, huge park-like yard. Vicki Woodhead
- 631 BOULEVARD WAY, OAKLAND - 3+BD/2BA...\$289,000
Updated, random plank flrs, deck with hot tub, garden. Brooks Anderson
- 26 GREGORY PLACE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/1+BA...\$285,000
Lovely home nestled on a cul-de-sac, fabulous back yard. Joe Knowland
- 6847 GUNN DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/1BA...\$285,000
Fern garden setting, charming, romantic hideaway, deck. Chuck Corwin
- 7612 SURREY LANE, OAKLAND HILLS - 4BD/3BA...\$279,900
Exceptional! Previous model home, au pair, landscaped. Georgia Richardson
- 253 PURDUE AVENUE, KENSINGTON - 2+BD/1BA...\$279,000
New listing! Plus room, ideal office, great yard, charming! Joanna Gould
- 751 MCKINLEY AVENUE, CHINA HILL - 3BD/3BA...\$279,000
New listing! Clean & spacious ranch, hwdw flrs, new paint. Nancy Chew
- 423 LINDA AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 2+BD/1+BA...\$249,000
New listing! Sunny cottage-style home, level back grdn. Debi Fitzgerald
- 4021 CANON AVENUE, GLENVIEW - 2BD/1BA...\$225,000
Home or duplex! Good condition, separate 1BD rental unit. Francis Heath
- 3944 FRUITVALE AVENUE, DIMOND - 3BD/1BA...\$219,000
New listing! Private setting, new paint/carpets, updated kit. Tom Anthony
- 943 KEY ROUTE BLVD., ALBANY - 2BD/1BA...\$219,000
Charming split level near Solano shops, hwdw flrs, new roof. Rich Gould
- 4357 MONTGOMERY, PIEDMONT AVENUE - 2+BD/1BA...\$214,000
Darling starter! Eat-in kit, formal DR, updated bath, yard. Thomas Wurst
- 7207 ALTURA PLACE, OAKLAND - 3BD/2BA...\$199,000
New listing! Country in the city, view, rumpus, deck. Charlene Claybaugh
- 4048 EVERETT AVENUE, GLENVIEW - 2BD/1+BA...\$179,000
Light, airy condo in 4-unit building, new paint and carpets. Teri Carlisle

A part of Oakland's earliest history

By Dennis Evanosky

According to everything that Jean Baptiste Poirier had heard, nobody cared whose land it was. Squatters had already pitched their tents and staked their claims. Some said the land belonged to "Californians" — the Peraltas. Others said it was the government's. All he had to do was stake a claim.

The year was 1852. Poirier had returned to San Francisco from the gold fields only to learn that it was now illegal to pitch his tent in the city. So, like so many others, he boarded a skiff, and journeyed over to Contra Costa to explore. He decided to stay.

After pitching his tent and clearing the land around it, Poirier purchased 160 acres from his neighbor Vincente Peralta, mounted his mule, and rode to Martinez to record his title.

Being careful to avoid the

four saw mills already in operation in the hills above his claim, Poirier ventured there to cut the redwood and fashion the boards and the shingles needed to build the windowless home on his land.

With his new estate and his home built, he returned to Montreal for his wife De Lima. The Poiriers farmed their land successfully. Jean Baptiste brought the first reaper and threshing machine to the area and did "custom threshing" for his neighbors.

When he died in 1864, he left De Lima with two sons and a daughter. The Poirier family continued to farm but watched as the cities of Oakland and Berkeley encroached upon them.

De Lima decided to sell the land across Shattuck and build a bigger home with the proceeds. The family kept the 80 acres west of Shattuck until 1905.

It was then that the family decided to subdivide the rest of the farm, leaving only two acres surrounding the home for themselves.

The sale was the largest project of its kind. In six months, the entire subdivision had been sold.

Jean Baptiste's youngest son Andrew lived in the Poirier home until his death at the age of 82 in 1944. He left the property to his housekeeper Elizabeth Biehs. In 1954, she sold most of the remaining land to an Oakland builder for \$19,500.

The builder demolished Jean Baptiste's original home, a landmark water tower with its windmill, and the horse barn. Palm trees which had been planted in the 1890s were uprooted and offered to the Oakland Parks Department. All to make way for apartment units.

A two-toned blue house sheltered in an island of evergreen just across from Washington School and the name of the adjoining street are all that remain of Jean Baptiste Poirier's legacy.

Realtor Profile

Name: Heidi and Jerry Long

Title: Realtor Associates, Coldwell Banker, Berkeley

Background: A native Californian, Heidi followed her father and grandfather into real estate. After finishing college, she started her own small business.

Her "Heidi Paks" were bestsellers with Cal students and locals. They're still seen around town. She went to work for the University Art Museum and held several managerial and human resources positions at the university.

Born and raised in Chicago, Jerry went to college in San Francisco and then moved to New York City.

After several years as a journalist, he became involved in independent filmmaking and worked on several films which are still shown at the Pacific Film Archive.

When he moved to Berkeley he taught video production in the community colleges and started his own video production company.

When they were first married Jerry and Heidi produced a set of video tapes to be used to train attendants for people with disabilities.

As the consciousness of the rights and capabilities of people with disabilities spread from Berkeley (where it all began) to the rest of the country, the independent living movement flourished.

They still distribute these tapes and now over 200 independent living centers use the tapes in almost every state as well as Canada and the Virgin Islands.

Both Jerry and Heidi love the real estate business, and marvel how it calls upon so many of their skills and talents in communications, marketing, and negotiation.

As partners, they feel they are highly effective and thorough as a team when representing sellers. They usually work with buyers individually to help them define their needs and locate the homes of their dreams.

So far in 1995 they have been involved in \$2.5 million of transactions in Richmond, Berkeley and Oakland.

Education: Heidi studied at Mills College and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in history from UC-Davis. She then did graduate work in counseling. Jerry received degrees in philosophy and television broadcasting from San Francisco State University.



Heidi and Jerry Long

Affiliations: Berkeley Association of Realtors; Multiple Listing Service of the East Bay; California Association of Realtors; National Association of Realtors. Heidi is active in Neighborhood Moms, a Berkeley organization of women with young children.

Personal: Heidi and Jerry live in North Berkeley with their two children, Grant, 5, and Hannah, 2. As parents, they have a good understanding of the space needs of

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OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

MONTCLAIR \$359,000. 8211 Skyline Drive. Beautiful 3BR, 2BA home. Just listed! MARLENE 428-0900.

OAKLAND \$439,000. 1601 Mountain Blvd. 3BR 2+BA, level lot, garden and rear cottage. M. STONE 428-0900.

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WEST COUNTY

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KENSINGTON \$495,000. 61 Edgewood. 3BR, 2BA Maybeck design! Views! Well built! B. MCRAE 845-0211.

New loan opens doors for homebuyers

By Shaun Aghili

If qualifying for today's traditional 30-year fixed rates has put a damper on your plans for a new home, here's a bit of good news!

As of a few months ago, a new breed of loan programs has been introduced by many mortgage banking outlets that not only makes qualifying for a fixed loan easier, it also allows you to start out with much lower payments without the uncertainties associated with adjustable programs.

The new buy-down loan programs offer rates that are anywhere from between 2 to 3 percent lower than your typical 30-year fixed rate mortgage. These programs became popular in the double-digit interest era of the early and mid-1980s, but became extinct as rates started to go down around late 1988.

Reintroduced again in 1995, they offer a distinct advantage over their more primitive cousins of the mid-'80s in that the cost associated with buying down the rate temporarily is paid by the lender and not the borrower or the builder.

Here's an example of how a typical buy-down program works:

Let us assume that the going rate for a 30-year fixed, \$200,000

mortgage loan is about 8.75 percent. A typical 2/1 buy-down (there are many different varieties) may offer you a start rate of 7.5 percent for the first year, 8.5 percent for the second year, and finally 9.5 percent from year three through the end of the loan. This primarily has the three main advantages for the borrower:

1. You will be qualified at 7.5 percent which will greatly increase your buying power versus getting qualified at 8.75 percent for a fixed rate or 9 percent for an adjustable. (Typically, to qualify a borrower for an adjustable loan, a lender qualifies a borrower at the start rate of the adjustable plus 2 percent. Therefore if the start rate of the adjustable is 7 percent, the qualifying rate will be 9 percent.)

2. You enjoy lower mortgage payments for the first year after you move in without having to worry about future unexpected interest rate increases associated with an adjustable loan.

3. Since the lender pays for the rate buy-down, the borrower does not need to pay extra points. The cost of this loan should be similar to a fixed 30-year fixed from a closing cost point of view.



Shaun Aghili

Of course, you will be paying a higher interest rate in the long run, but if you compare this loan to most adjustables nowadays, you may find they are well worth considering.

Shaun Aghili is a Certified Financial Planner and a mortgage broker. This excerpt is from his soon-to-be-published book, "The no-nonsense guide to personal finance." He can be reached at 274-3396.

Check out books on plants, garden

The Oakland East Bay Garden Center, Inc. has a library with emphasis on books on plants, gardening and horticulture. The library has 300 reference books available for use at the library and 900 circulating books on 30 day loans.

The library is open Thursdays 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (except holidays) and is located in the Garden center Building in Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Ave.

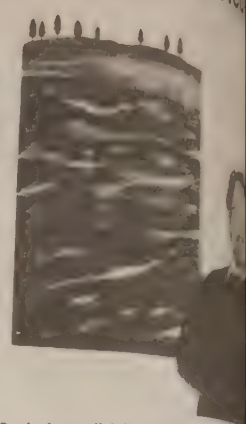
Landscape cross-sections on view at Red Oak Realty

A public reception for Berkeley artist Jim Garmhausen will be held at Red Oak Realty Gallery on Sunday, May 7, 4 to 6:30 p.m. The exhibit of Garmhausen' landscape cross-section series will continue through June 29.

Garmhausen has shown work in national and local exhibitions, including those at the Berkeley Art Center and the Center for the Visual Arts in Oakland.

Although Garmhausen's art is derived from geological forms, he says his artist's statement is not a "science project" and that he has taken liberties with accuracy to produce a visually interesting object. "A friend who is a real geologist once joked that I'm interested in geology like a voyeur is interested in physiology," he says.

Red Oak Gallery is located at 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley.



Berkeley artist Jim Garmhausen

Mark your calendars for Gold Coast garden

A tour of nine lovely Alameda Gold Coast gardens is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, noon - 4 p.m., rain or shine.

The event is being sponsored by the St. Joseph Basilica Garden Club.

Featured at the free boutique in the St. Joseph Notre Dame High School yard at 1011 Chestnut St., Alameda, will be many hand-crafted garden items such as gardening books and bags, hand-painted birdhouses, flower pots, tools, garden furniture, fabric pots, wreaths and Victorian jewelry and boxes.

Brenda and Shapiro, noted Bay Area arborists as well as representatives from Tower Books and Smith and Hawkins will also be present.

Admission to the self-guided garden tour is \$15, with an ad-

ditional \$5 for a car. For more information call 814-7152.

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families and their interests and concerns such as the proximity and ratings of local schools.

They've lived in Berkeley for over 20 years and have considerable firsthand knowledge of East Bay neighborhoods and amenities.

They have an unbridled enthusiasm for the diversity of the community and the variety of older properties they encounter over the course of an average week.

Jewy has developed considerable expertise with income properties.

Quotable quote: "The great thing about real estate is that every scenario is different. The people, the properties, fluctuating interest rates and markets — the pattern is constantly changing and constantly presenting a new set of challenges. When you've accumulated enough experience to approach these new situations with confidence, then you can enjoy getting to know new people and helping them to pick their way through their particular set of challenges, and know you'll never get bored."



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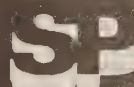
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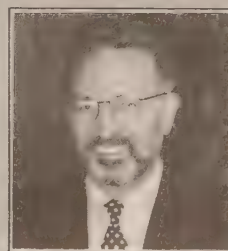
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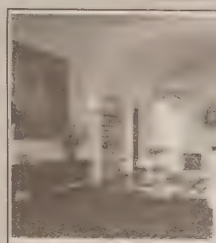


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EMERYVILLE	TOTAL SALES: 1 AVERAGE PRICE: \$190,000
KENSINGTON	TOTAL SALES: 5 LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$378,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$264,300
SALES STATS BY CITY	
ALAMEDA	TOTAL SALES: 8 LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$376,500 AVERAGE PRICE: \$245,562
ALBANY	TOTAL SALES: 2 LOWEST PRICE: \$232,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$262,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$247,000
BERKELEY	TOTAL SALES: 12 LOWEST PRICE: \$117,500 HIGHEST PRICE: \$365,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$215,375
EL CERRITO	TOTAL SALES: 7

People

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Northwestern Title Company has announced that Chiquit McCloskey has joined its Montclair escrow staff at 1980 Mountain Blvd.

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Real Estate Hotline

by Heidi and Jerry Long

Location, location, etc.

Q: We hope to buy our first house this spring. We've been married for two years. At this point we have no children and it will probably be at least a couple of years before we do. Our big question right now is whether to buy a bigger house in a not so good neighborhood or to buy a smaller house in a better neighborhood. How much does the location of a house really affect its future value?

A: We're sure that you and everyone reading this column knows what we're going to say, but we're going to say it anyway. "The three most important elements in determining the value of a house are: Location, Location, Location." Now, is this really true?

Is a bird in the hand really worth two in the bush? Does a stitch in time really...? Is a penny saved really a penny earned? Well, actually, yes it is, yes it does, and we're not too sure, we would be more comfortable if that penny were invested. But we're confident about the bird in hand, the stitch in time and the value of the location of your house. We think location is paramount.

Suppose you are going to spend \$250,000 on a house in Berkeley right now. You can buy either of the houses you mentioned; a small house in a good neighborhood or a big house in a not so good neighborhood. Then suppose that in the next year the economy takes off, inflation is rampant, housing prices rise by 10 percent. That 10 percent figure is an average. Some houses increase in value by more than 10 percent and some either stay the same or increase by less than 10 percent. The prices of houses in the not-so-good neighborhood might go up, but I'll bet you would find that the prices of the houses in the good neighborhood went up more. So, if you wanted to sell your house next summer according to this scenario, which house would you rather have bought?

And the reverse is true too. If the economy went belly up and housing prices dropped by 10 percent in the coming year; that too would have been an average, with some dropping by more than 10 percent and some dropping by less. So in this scenario, if you had to sell your house next summer, which house would you still want to have bought?

In addition to being a better investment, buying property in a good neighborhood usually brings with it a better quality of life. You feel more secure and you enjoy more amenities. If you live in the smaller house for seven or eight years, long enough to wait a few years and then have two children who will then be four and one and sharing the same

room, but beginning to outgrow it, you will have lived all this time in a nicer neighborhood.

This is not to say that these "not so nice" neighborhoods should be entirely ruled out. There are many really great family neighborhoods scattered throughout Richmond, El Cerrito, Berkeley and Oakland where, if you already had those two kids and still had \$250,000 as the top price you could afford, you could buy a nice three or four bedroom house and live quite happily. You might not achieve the appreciation you would have observed in the other neighborhood, but you would still have had an acceptable place to live and then would not have to face the problems of finding a bigger house you could afford later.

Q: If we get a Structural Pest Control Report when we go to sell our house, do we then have to do all that work?

A: Not necessarily. It all depends on the amount of work called for by the Pest Report, your immediate financial circumstances, and your marketing strategy. If the cost of clearing the report is very low, it's frequently a good idea to do the work and get a clearance, or offer to do the work during escrow, just to get the issue out of the way.

If there is a substantial amount of work to be done it becomes a major element in your approach to the sale of the house. In some cases, particularly if the property has the potential of being really attractive and the sellers have the money available, doing major work in order to present the house at its best may result in a higher price and faster sale.

On the other hand, if you present the house as a fixer being sold "as is," then you might save yourself a lot of time and trouble by letting the buyer decide how to deal with the required repairs. You can sort through these different choices with your real estate agent.

One line of thought we would warn you about is the following: Suppose the Pest Report comes in with a medium amount, say \$5,000. Some people will propose pricing the house \$5,000 less than they otherwise would have, and then "making it very clear this house is being sold as is." This never works. Prospective buyers will still say, "Your house needs \$5,000 worth of work," and will want to negotiate that work in the price they offer.

Heidi and Jerry Long are licensed real estate agents with Coldwell Banker in Berkeley. If they can assist you in any way, call them at 525-5800.

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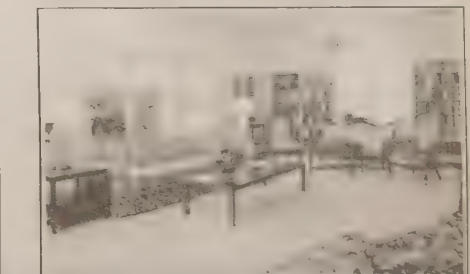
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Home Fair: Discover East Bay

The Berkeley Association of Realtors and the West Contra Costa Association of Realtors are sponsoring a free "Discover East Bay Living 1995 Home Fair" this Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at El Cerrito Plaza. Approximately 60 booths will be located outside the Mall staffed by professionals from

lending institutions, termite and inspection companies and real estate firms.

There will be musical and dance entertainment, as well as food and a free drawing for a romantic getaway for two.

To get to the El Cerrito Plaza, take 80 East to Central Avenue.

Steps

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"No," she said. "Call me when you find it."
It was the best kind of client—comfortable with me, trusting, and understood my job. We did not see a person until the day some time later when I saw and immediately recognized her house. I had a lot of time looking for it and I was glad to do. I knew what

I was after and I was pretty sure she'd buy it when I found it.

She came to see it that afternoon. "This is it," she said. Then she bought it.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoff are licensed agents and real estate consultants. To ask a question or to add your name to their mailing list, call Tarpoff & Talbert Ltd., at 653-2050.

Tour features new homes in fire area

The College Preparatory School, nestled in the heart of the fire area, is celebrating the community's rebirth with its annual New Neighborhoods House Tour and Raffle on Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The houses range from traditional to exotic, including a *Builders Magazine* award winner.

Six houses will be open each day. Children under 12 will not be admitted. Daily admission of \$30 includes lunch. Group rates are available.

For reservations or information call 652-6829.

Tickets also can be purchased at the College Preparatory School on tour days.



This newly constructed home in the fire area is on the New Neighborhoods tour.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

<p>PARK, Glenview, 3bd/2ba Craftsman, Reduced! Better Homes 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202</p> <p>ALTURA PL., New Listing! Bay View, Rumpus, Deck Union, Charlene Claybaugh 339-6460</p> <p>MARLOW DR., Sheffield Village abv 580, Quaint 2/1 w/Yard, Marna 569-5555 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4</p> <p>HADDON 1st Open Fab Trad! 2bd, Lg Unfin Attic, Sunporch Homes, Nancy Donnelly 339-8400</p> <p>EXCELSIOR, New Listing! 3+bd, Shingle 2 Story, Porch, Patio Homes, Hal Castle 339-9778</p> <p>LAGUNA, Laurel District, Cute 2bd/1ba Bungalow McDuffie, Sandi 834-2010</p> <p>WARD, Temescal, Pride of Ownership, 2bd/1ba McDuffie, M. Delacroix 428-0900</p> <p>SHEFFIELD, 3 Bedrooms Gadsby & Associates, Bonnie Crowe 748-0100</p> <p>GRANDE VISTA, Spacious 3+2 Victorian, Dcks, Lovely Gdns Hill Banker, Donna DeBardi 339-1174</p> <p>DAKOTA ST., Laurel, Charming 2/2 w/Den, Mstr Bd Suite McDuffie, Ruth Bittman 869-4201</p> <p>EXCELSIOR, New Listing! 3-bd Shingle 2 Story, Porch, Patio Homes, Hal Castle 339-9778</p> <p>EVERETT AVE., Glenview Condo, 4 Unit Bldg, NuP Paint/Cpts McDuffie, Teri Carlisle 339-6460</p> <p>MICHIGAN, 3bd/1 1/2ba, 2 Frpls, Pano View, Deck Off Mstr Bd McDuffie 339-9290, Paula Champion 869-4207</p> <p>WESLEY AVE., 2bd/1ba Extra Lg. Great Home! Must See! Re. Kim 763-7395 OPEN SUNDAY 1-3</p> <p>ROBERTS AVE., Cute 3b/1b, Maxwell Pk, Remod Kit, HotTub Homes, Anida Weyl 339-8400</p> <p>MANILA AVE., Just Reduced 3bd/2ba Homes, Ken Ferrell 763-1260</p> <p>HAIR WAY, 3 Bedrooms Gadsby & Associates, Margaret Gadsby 748-5300</p> <p>2232 E. 21ST ST., 3 Unit Victorian + 1bd Hse, Home + Income Lynn Gee Realty 530-1600 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4</p> <p>BUENA VENTURA, Roomy 3bd, Super Starter, Gd Floor Plan Stan Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p> <p>HIGH ST #106, Redwd Hts Condo, 2/2 Lvl Entry Unit, Storage Homes, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5</p> <p>WICKSBURG AVE., Charming 2bd/1ba Starter World, D. Evans 839-9159 OPEN SUNDAY NOON-4PM</p> <p>HOWE ST #103, Pied Ave District 2bd/1ba, New on Market! Costa, Owner 65-9242 BROKER CO-OP OPEN SUNDAY 12-3</p> <p>PENNIMAN CT., Tiptop 2/1 Bungalow, Charming Cul-de-sac Bennett, Kate Meadow 482-3576</p> <p>CROFTON, 4-Plex, 2/1, As Little as 3% Down Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583</p>	<p>916 EUCLID, 4bd/3ba Elegant English Tudor Better Homes 339-4000</p> <p>1019 CRESTON, 4bd/3ba New Custom Home, Best Quality Mason-McDuffie 845-0211</p> <p>524 GRIZZLY PEAK, 4bd/2ba Coldwell Banker 486-1495</p> <p>1019 OXFORD, 4bd/3ba Brown Shingle, Views, Lg Yd, Quiet! Mason-McDuffie, B. McRae 845-0211</p> <p>1234 GLEN, 3+bd/2ba Coldwell Banker 486-1495</p> <p>1138 KEITH AVE., 3+bd/2ba, Incredible View, Huge Deck, Exc Cond Templeton Company, Gini Erck 658-6247</p> <p>430 PANORAMIC, 2bd/1 1/2ba w/ Pano View, Rustic Charm, Quiet Mason-McDuffie 845-0211</p> <p>2524 WARRING, 4bd/3ba Coldwell Banker 486-1495</p> <p>2328 CHANNING WAY, 5bd/2 1/2ba Coldwell Banker, Soheyl Modarresi 486-1495</p> <p>475 GRIZZLY PEAK, Sunny 3bd/2ba + Au Pair Red Oak Realty 527-3387 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4</p> <p>2447 ASHBY, 2/1 1907 Victorian, Exquisite Garden, Full Bsmnt Eugene Bergman Realty 524-1399</p> <p>1414 OXFORD, No. Berk 4bd/2ba Gorgeous Condo, Frpl, Yard Manhattan Real Estate, Agent 44405300</p> <p>1915 FRANCISCO, 3bd/2+ba Coldwell Banker, Soheyl Modarresi 486-1495</p> <p>1618 CALLE, 3bd/1ba, New Listing, Charming Craftsman, Move In Mason-McDuffie, A. Land 845-0211</p> <p>60 QUAIL AVE., Berkeley Hills 2/1 on Larger Lot, Woodsy, View Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174</p> <p>1717 LA LOMA #2, Best Northside Location, 2bd Condo Red Oak Realty 527-3387 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4</p> <p>1600 CURTIS, Berkeley 2bd/1ba The GRUBB Company, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495</p> <p>2078-80 EMERSON, Duplex, Remodeled 2/1 Ea.Unit, Deck/Garden Coldwell Banker, Donna DeBardi 339-1174</p> <p>1423 BERKELEY WAY, 3bd/1ba Coldwell Banker 486-1495</p> <p>1730 DWIGHT WAY, Lots of Extra Space! 2+bd Northrae Properties 526-4336 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4</p> <p>2341 9TH ST., 1/1 Live/Work Loft, 1800 SqFt, Cool Pad! Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, David Otero 869-4239</p> <p>2428 BROWNING, New Listing! 2bd/1ba on Quiet St, Gem w/Lg Yd Mason-McDuffie, A. Land 845-0211</p> <p>2029 CHANNING, New Condos, New Prices! 1 & 2 bdr City Homes Red Oak Realty 527-3387 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 to \$169,000</p> <p>2407 SPAULDING, New Listing! 1bd/1ba, Hdwd Flrs, Charm! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Kathy Crandall 869-4214</p> <p>933 ADDISON #C, 5% Moves You In! 2bd Condo Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X182</p>	<p>77 FRANCISCAN, Has It All! 3bd/2ba, Fam Rm, Views Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4</p> <p>1611 OAKVIEW, Kensington 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Mona Thompson 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p> <p>PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm</p> <p>345 EL CERRITO AVE., Bay Views! Remod Kit/Fam Rm, Gardens \$1,250,000 The GRUBB Company, Marion Schwartz 339-0400</p> <p>138 WILDWOOD GARDENS, All Lvl Lvg on 1/3 Acre, 4bd/4ba \$995,000 The GRUBB Company, Anian Tunney 339-0400</p> <p>340 LA SALLE AVE., Gracious Entry, Rec Rm w/2nd Kit, 5+bd/3 1/2ba \$949,500 The GRUBB Company, Cheryl Knickerbocker 339-0400</p> <p>110 SEA VIEW, Gracious 5bd, Kitchen w/ Frpl, Level Yard Mason-McDuffie, Carole Berger 428-0900</p> <p>58 WILDWOOD GARDENS, Lovely Trad! 5bd/3ba, Gardens Pacific Union, Rosalie Woods 339-6460</p> <p>111 ESTATES DR., Dramatic Entry, Frml DR, Landscaped Gdn/Patio The GRUBB Company, Marion Schwartz 339-0400</p> <p>9 WYNGAARD AVE., Gracious Engl Tudor, City Vistas! New Price The GRUBB Company, Susan Veit 339-0400</p> <p>16 ST. JAMES DR., Contemp Elegance, Landscaped Grounds The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400</p> <p>423 PALA AVE., 1st Open, Den/Office/Storage, SF/Bay Views The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400</p> <p>424 SCENIC AVE., Old World Charm, Frpl, Patio, Garden The GRUBB Company, Gheryl Knickerbocker 339-0400</p> <p>229 CARMEL, 3bd/2+ba w/Style and Bay View! Mason-McDuffie, Patti Edmonds 428-0900, 655-2029</p> <p>215 SAN CARLOS, 3+bd/1+ba, Classic Craftsman, Charm! Mason-McDuffie, Maddy Hickling 428-0900</p> <p>80 ARROYO, Stylish Remodeled 2+bd/2b Traditional, 1st Open Mason-McDuffie, C. Peters 428-0900</p> <p>289 ST. JAMES DR., Level In, 3+bd/3ba, 2 Frpl, Walk Trans The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400</p> <p>119 LAKE, 3bd/1ba Move In Condition! Great Area/Lovely Yard Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Jon Dunn 869-4215</p> <p>1409 GRAND AVE., 3bd/2ba Completely Remodeled, Huge Bsmnt Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Rosalie Marshall 869-4229</p> <p>1235 GRAND, 3bd/1ba New Listing! 1st Time Buyers Delight! Mason-McDuffie 428-0900</p> <p>1117 RANLEIGH WAY, 3bd/1b Superb Starter Opportunity, Pvt Mason-McDuffie 428-0900</p> <p>423 LINDA AVE., 2+bd/1+ba New Listing! Sunny Cottage, Lvl Gdn Pacific Union, Debi Fitzgerald 339-6460</p>
<p>SAN ANTONIO, 3+2+, Cold Coast Victorian, Nds Nu Owner Homes, Edith Marcus 287-5886 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4</p> <p>LAGUNARIA LN., Stunning 2/2 1/2 Twmhn, Bay Farm Island Homes, Maria/Randa 339-8400 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p>	<p>7210 VIEW, Engl Country Estate, 4/3+ w/Pano Views Prudential Landmark Realty 287-9999 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p> <p>7110 VIEW, Classic 5bd/4ba Ranch, Premium Site, Pano Views Prudential Landmark Realty 287-9999 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p> <p>1516 DOUGLAS, 2+bd/2ba w/Fab Kitchen, Frpl, View Mason-McDuffie, Nancy Taussig 845-0211 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p> <p>7355 MANILA, El Cerrito 3bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p> <p>717 ALBEMARLE, 3 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths Coldwell Banker, Henry Chang 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p> <p>228 SAN CARLOS, New Listing! Lg 2bd/2ba w/Workshop Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X-132 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4</p> <p>2528 NASON, Mira Vista, 2bd/1ba, Plank Flrs, Frpl, Gdn Area Marvin Gardens, Sue Nelson 527-2700 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5</p> <p>216 BEHRENS ST., 2bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Henry Chang 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p> <p>7124 C STREET, Lovely 3bd, Excellent Location! Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X125 OPEN SATURDAY 2-4</p> <p>1022 LIBERTY, 3bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p>	<p>850 LEE AVE., Tri-Lvl 4bd/2+ba, Gourmet Kit, Brkfst Rm, Frml Entry Coldwell Banker, Nancy Monte 838-7461 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5</p> <p>13735 SCHOOL ST., 4bd Gadsby & Associates, Stephen 623-9862 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p> <p>850 BANCROFT, Charming 2bd/1ba Tudor, Exc. Loc., Hdwd Flrs Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000 MLS C79195 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p> <p>443 E. MERLE COURT, 2 Bedrooms Gadsby & Associates, Lois Vickland 748-5313 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p>
<p>BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm</p> <p>ALVARADO RD., Grand Style, Detail, Elegant Claremont Home Templeton Company, Paul Templeton 652-2133 X131</p> <p>EL CAMINO REAL, Claremont Contemporary 4bd/2 1/2ba The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400</p> <p>GRAVATT DR., New Listing, New 4/3 1/2, Views, Billiard Rm Templeton Company 652-2133 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5</p> <p>JEFFERSON, 4bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Soheyl Modarresi 486-1495</p> <p>SAN DIEGO, 4bd/3ba Spanish Style w/Lg Back Yard Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Millions 869-4233</p> <p>VICENTE, Dramatic 1 Yr Old Architect Designed, 3bd/4ba Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X185 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4</p> <p>REGENT, 3+bd/2+ba Remod Br Shingle + Cottage, Gdns Mason-McDuffie 845-0211</p>	<p>104 WOODSTOCK, Carriage Hills 4bd/3ba on Cul-de-Sac Red Oak Realty 527-3387 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4</p> <p>4921 WAGON WHEEL, El Sobrante 4bd/3ba Coldwell Banker 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p> <p>600 LOIS LANE, 4bd/2ba, 6 Yrs Young Better Homes, Steven Jong 339-4000 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p>	<p>RICHMOND Open Sunday</p> <p>1816 BUTTE, Richmond Annex, Rare 4bd/2ba Updated Home Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X-117 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4</p> <p>5519 SACRAMENTO, Annex Jewell! 3bd/2ba, Separate Spa/Deck Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X-104 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4</p> <p>439 44TH STREET, Richmond 2+bd/1ba Coldwell Banker 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30</p>

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DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Discover heart of the bay at May 13 information fair

A full schedule of seminars, including a special First-Time Homebuyers' Certificate Program workshop with a panel of housing professionals, has been slated for the second annual Alameda Homebuyers' Information Fair, set for Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lincoln Middle School.

In addition to the seminars, the free fair will feature booths, entertainment and refreshments. Its purpose is to encourage renters to buy homes, encourage homeowners to "buy up" and to introduce Alameda to residents of neighboring communities. This year's fair will also offer a gourmet espresso booth, courtesy of the Alameda Journal.

Sponsored by the California Homebuyer Education Partnership, the First-Time Homebuyers' Certificate Program will provide a panel of housing professionals

who will supply homebuyers with information about the home purchase process, including how much house you can afford, budgeting, down payment, loan application, credit, closing costs and home inspection. Workshop attendees will receive a homebuyer workbook and a certificate of completion which may be used for special low down payment home financing.

Limited seating is available for this free seminar and registration is required. To register or for more information, call Julie Shandrew at the Alameda Chamber of Commerce, 522-0414.

A full line-up of other seminars is also scheduled for the Homebuyers' Information Fair, and seating is not limited and reservations are not necessary. Seminars include:

- 10 to 10:45 a.m. (Room B) Insurance Seminar. Presented by Larry Bolton.
- 10:30 - 11:25 a.m. (Room A) Buyer Seminar. Presented by Gallagher & Lindsey.
- 11 a.m. to noon (Room B) Visions. Moderated by Linda Soulages and presented by city officials.
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (Room A) Seller Seminar. Presented by Harbor Bay Realty.
- 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. (Room A) Buyer Seminar. Presented by Kane & Associates Realty.
- 1 to 3 p.m. (Room B) First Time Homebuyers' Certificate Program. Presented by Jim Mather, JoAnn Bouvier and Charlie Owens (reservations required).
- 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. (Room A) Seller Seminar. Presented by Alameda Realty.
- 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. (Room A) Tax Advantages of Buying. Presented by Susan Jeffries and Lars Hansson.

Nearly 40 organizations and businesses will be on hand to provide information on buying a home in Alameda and about some of the services the city has to offer.

The homebuyers' fair is sponsored by the city of Alameda, the Alameda Chamber of Commerce, the Alameda Association of Realtors, the Alameda Journal and the Alameda Newspaper Group.

For more information, contact Sandy Williams at 769-8777.

Events

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County and the Oakland Association of Realtors host a training session for landlords and property managers on **How to Detect and Eliminate Drug Activity on Rental Property**, Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 1528 Webster St., Oakland. Presented by the Oakland Police Beat Health Unit, the cost is \$10. Reservations required. Call 893-9873.

A Free Demonstration of Art Rubber Stamping is Saturday, May 6, 1 - 4 p.m. at Exquisite Images, 4188 Piedmont Ave. Learn to create your own artwork or greeting cards. Call 601-6847.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, hosts two workshops on Saturday, May 6: **Owner Contracting: The Legal Aspects**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; and **Landscape Design**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75. Call 525-7610.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, hosts two two-day workshops, Sat. & Sun., May 6 & 7: **Hardwood Floor Refinishing Hands-on Workshop**, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., \$160; and **Electrical Wiring Hands-on Workshop**, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., \$180.

Blossom Garden, Jr. presents **Kitchens For All Seasons**, a self-guided tour of five historic homes in Alameda's Gold Coast area on Sunday, May 7, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (boutique open until 4 p.m.). There will also be a raffle extravaganza, cooking demonstration, gift boutique and complimentary tea. Tickets are \$15 and benefit Children's Hospital Oakland. To order tickets, call Denise Bowes-Garvin at 523-2769 or purchase tickets at the door.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents **Plan Reading for Beginners**, Wednesday, May 10, 7 - 10 p.m. \$35. 525-7610.

The Bay Area chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) holds its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 6 p.m. at Showplace Square, 2 Henry Adams St., San Francisco. Tickets are \$20 which includes dinner and a program on "Special Benefits of Membership in NARI." Reservations required. Call (415) 985-7058.

Gordon Yow, a certified general appraiser, will be at Java the Hut, 2327 Blanding Ave., Alameda, Wednesday, May 10, 6 - 8 p.m. for an informal **Question and Answer Session on Common Appraisal Issues**. Reservations required. Call 523-8889.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors hosts its **Monthly Dinner Meeting**, Thursday, May 11, 7 - 9:30 p.m. at Hs Lordships, 199 Seawall Dr., Berkeley Marina. Roger Robinson, owner of Star Inspection Group, will be the guest speaker. \$35 includes dinner. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-9335 for reservations.

The Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR) Computer Users Group sponsors **An Introduction to Windows Computing**, Friday, May 12, 9 a.m. - noon at 1528 Webster St., Oakland. Registration required. Call 836-3000.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Maggie Sharpe, Real Estate, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047; Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.



Steely cat

"Cat," a steel sculpture by Bill Creitz, will be on display at Artisans Spring Sale and Open Studios which includes jewelry and clothing. The sale runs Thursday through Sunday, May 4 - 7, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Strawberry Creek Design, 1250 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 845-2612 for more information.

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This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Mohammed Karim, 830 Louise Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954
This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 21, 1995. The Journal April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-1857
The Name of the Business:
Airtime Services, 1446 Carleton Drive, Concord, CA 94518
This business is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Felipe Reynoso, 1630 N Main Street 1B, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Saul Arguello, 1446 Carleton Drive, Concord, CA 94518
This business is conducted by a General Partnership. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 21, 1995. The Journal April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-1816
The Name of the Business:
Cross Your Tees, 2127 Esmond Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801
This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Eric J. Janney, 2127 Esmond Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801
This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 21, 1995. The Journal April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-2419
The Name of the Business:
Vagabond Motel, 14800 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, CA 94606
This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Girish Solanki, 14615 Saturn Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578
This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 21, 1995. The Journal April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-2466
The Name of the Business:
Primetex Import Export, 6337 Highland Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805
This business is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Peycho Petrov Peychev, 6337 Highland Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805
Rada Pustanov, 6337 Highland Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805
This business is conducted by a General Partnership. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 24, 1995. The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-2373
The Name of the Business:
Patty's Oldies-N-Goodies, 714 Main Street, Martinez, CA 94553
This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Patricia Renee Crabtree, 412 Falcon Way, Hercules, CA 94547
This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 19, 1995. The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No 94-007534
The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Mr. Toedz Wild Products, 2 Loma Linda Court, Orinda, CA 94563. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Contra Costa on December 1, 1994 under file number 94-7534. Paul Clark Akh, 2 Loma Linda, Orinda, CA 94563

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-1997
The Name of the Business:
two crows, 133 Hodges Drive, Moraga, CA 94556
This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Michelle A. Zaugg, 133 Hodges Drive, Moraga, CA 94556
This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 3, 1995. The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-1997
The Name of the Business:
Ideas To Reality, 190 El Cerrito Plaza #166, El Cerrito, CA 94530

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This business was conducted by the individual Signed: Paul Akh
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 5, 1995
The Montclair, May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-1731
The Name of the Business:
Diablo-Delta Realtors, 390 Diablo Road, Suite 125, Danville, CA 94526
This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
William Frederick Warner, 2747 Cherry Hills Drive, Byron, CA 94514
This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 21, 1995. The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-2147
The Name of the Business:
Healthy Options, 4832 Bayview Way, Oakley, CA 94561
This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Sheila S. Nason, 4832 Bayview Way, Oakley, CA 94561
This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 7, 1995. The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-2026
The Name of the Business:
Home & Office Automation Designs, 3494 Camino Tassajara, Suite 402, Danville, CA 94506
This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Robert M. Ratzack, 405 Eagle Valley Way, Danville, CA 94506
This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 4, 1995. The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-1907
The Name of the Business:
Renee's Rides, 2821 17th Street, San Pablo, CA 94606
This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Lashanya Johnson, 2821 17th Street, San Pablo, CA 94606
This business is conducted by Mother and Daughter. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 29, 1995. The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-2259
The Name of the Business:
Airtel/ Airtel PCS/ Airtel Personal Communication Systems, 1451 Fruitdale Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128
This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
California Real Estate Cellular Service Corporation, 1451 Fruitdale Avenue (California), San Jose, CA 95128
This business is conducted by a Corporation. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 13, 1995. The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995

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Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Teresa Marie Balar, 1221 Richmond, CA 94604
This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 11, 1995. The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-2011
The Name of the Business:
Insurux USA Corp, 4002 Richmond, CA 94604
This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Malaykha USA, Inc., California
This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 11, 1995. The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LOIS B. NAW Case Number 95-0001
This notice is required by law. It is not required that you appear or attend the hearing of you want.

1. Notice is given that, under the Petition for Probate of Will and Appointment of Administrator, filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 11, 1995, the following case file is to be heard by the court on the following date:
Date: June 1, 1995, The 11 AM
Dept. 51, Room 800
Address of court is 726 Delta Road, CA 94553
Date: April 27, 1995
Attorney W. A. GREGG
This notice was mailed to the following:
Martinez, California
The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-2011
The Name of the Business:
Bay Area Account Services, 1001 Street, Richmond, CA 94804
This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Jacquelyn Weston, 529 5th Street, Richmond, CA 94804
This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 11, 1995. The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-2011
The Name of the Business:
The Grocery Discount, 1831 Suite 412, Walnut Creek, CA 94597
This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
James A. Nook, 1831 Street, Walnut Creek, CA 94597
This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 11, 1995. The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 95-2011
The Name of the Business:
1) Independent Telecommunications, 1414 El Palo, Orinda, CA 94556
This business is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Wilfred A. Soucy, 1414 El Palo, Orinda, CA 94556
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- 804 Electrical
- 805 Entertainment
- 806 Floors & Carpets

FURNITURE REFINISHING/REPAIR

- 901 Gardening
- 902 Hauling
- 903 Health, Beauty & Fitness
- 904 Home Furnishings
- 905 Home Services
- 906 Housecleaning/Janitorial Services

HOUSEKEEPING

- 1001 Interior Decorating
- 1002 Landscaping-Licensed
- 1003 Legal Services
- 1004 Locksmithing
- 1005 Masonry/Concrete
- 1006 Movers-Licensed

PAINTING

- 1101 Paperhanging
- 1102 Photography/Video
- 1103 Piano Tuning
- 1104 Plumbing
- 1105 Printing/Graphics
- 1106 Sewing/Alterations

SPECIAL SERVICES

- 1201 Tax/Accounting
- 1202 The Work
- 1203 Tree Service-Licensed
- 1204 Tree Work
- 1205 Upholstery
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WORD PROCESSING

- 1301 Writing/Editing
- 1302 *Prepayment Required
- 1303 MasterCard and Visa Accepted

TRANSPORTATION

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- 1402 CADILLAC, Brougham D'Elegance, 1986 White, A-1 condition, 50,000 miles on new engine. Cellular phone \$5,000. (415) 922-7363.
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Giveaway

- 2001 CATTLE Dog/ shepherd cross, 8 month old spayed female. Housebroken, smart. Good with cats 523-2334.
- 2002 LOVELY black lady cat, 2 years, spayed, shots Moving. Needs quiet, loving home last 893-2578.
- 2003 NEED home, black lab mix, lovable, loyal, smart 12 year old, neutered male Call 523-4826.
- 2004 "IZZY", friendly, affectionate, devoted, house trained female dog Lab mix, with food and equipment 654-5839.
- 2005 FREE clean dirt top soil You haul Call 428-1635.

Lost

- 2101 LOST keys near Wellington and Evans on Saturday, April 22. Will identify 530-0120.
- 2102 LOST cat, Siamese mix, blue eyes, short hair, female No collar Glenview 530-1226.
- 2103 REWARD \$500 Female cat, long-hair, grey white chest, blue eyes April 10, Glenview (Randolph) 530-4147.
- 2104 PARAKEET, blue with plastic collar, vicinity of La Salle Ave., Piedmont. Please call 465-5682.

Personals

- 2201 *CLAIRVOYANT* Two readings by Mrs. Lee, clairvoyant by phone. Montclair Village Mountain Blvd 339-7702. Daily 9-9, by appointment only.

Research Studies

- 2301 SEEKING participants for study of female victims of violent crime and their children (\$15 compensation) Contact Suzanne Best, M.A. 415-522-8996.

EDUCATION

- 2401 302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL

- 2501 Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years 547-6447.

SMILES DAY SCHOOL

- 2601 Pre-school Program 2 1/2 - 5 years Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30 - 6:00 339-3830.

MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE OF ROCKIDGE

- 2701 Balancing Montessori philosophy with traditional preschool experience. 2-Kindergarten 652-7021.

CO-OP Preschool Play Group

- 2801 Please join us with your 3 and 4 year olds in rotating play group to meet in our homes and have field trips. Call if you want to help create an informal co-op in Oakland, 839-7558.

MONTCLAIR Montessori Home School

- 2901 Small morning program now enrolling 2 1/2 to 4 year olds. Fee \$50. MS education 339-0243.

Instruction & Tutoring

- 3001 A LEARNING PLACE

Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing Oakland/Berkeley 531-2500

PIANO Lessons, New England Conservatory Graduate. Experienced, references. Patient, fun. Introductory lesson free. Kate, 527-6480.

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EAST BAY IMPROV Fun! Free alive and in the moment. 6 classes \$35 525-2762.

BLOOD Drawing Phlebotomy course by Boston Red Cross. Call 1-800-201-1141. State registered instructor. #2900291.

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401 Help Wanted**PRESCHOOL TEACHER**

Piedmont Cooperative Play School, Monday through Friday, 8:15-12:15, September 1995. ECE units preferred, experience necessary. Send resume: P.O. Box 21614, Piedmont, CA 94620

PROPERTY manager, part-time, Oakland needs part-time office bookkeeping person. Computer literate \$1500 per month. 763-5202

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RECEPTIONIST in busy holistic chiropractic office, prior experience in computer skills required. Dr. England 527-0963

RECEPTIONIST with good phone and typing skills needed by insurance agency near Lake Merritt. Call Dennis 444-1831

RECREATION and Education Administrator. Part-time duties include: hire instructors, scheduling programs and bookkeeping. Resumes by May 15: Kensington Community Council, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington 94707-1037

RETAIL sales position in upscale lighting, furniture and accessory store. Good communication skills and hard working is a must. \$8-\$10 to start. Pick up application at 1823 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley or call Fara at 524-1782

RETAIL Sales - Mishi West Berkeley. We are a natural fiber women's clothing outlet committed to offering expert customer service and quality merchandise. We seek only individuals who can provide a genuine, honest sales approach and enjoy working in a competitive environment. If you really enjoy selling and get satisfaction from helping women feel good about their image, then we want to meet you! Starting salary \$7, store discount benefits. Pick-up application at: 801 Delaware Street, (near 4th) Berkeley, 525-1075 EOE

RETAIL sales, women's clothing. Full/part-time. Experienced preferred, self-starter. Please call 11-5, (510) 652-1384

SALES PROFESSIONAL

Join a highly respected and professional organization. Must be energetic, excellent communicator and enjoy community involvement. Earn high commission dollars with benefits. Chamber of Commerce, 475 14th St., Oakland CA 94612

SECRETARY, part-time, 2 mornings a week. Must be very experienced using Macintosh computer. 339-2342

SECRETARY. Experience type transcription, WP 5.1/6.0, general office Monday-Thursday, 10-4. Fax resume, 839-0762. Piedmont area office

SECRETARY part-time, small, friendly, professional services firm in Oakland Hills. WordPerfect knowledge of WordPerfect for Windows and DOS and pleasant telephone manner required. Schedule to be arranged, car necessary; office not convenient to public transportation. Please fax resume to (510) 653-0583

SENIOR BUYER

Hydraulic Controls, Inc., a regional Industrial distributor, is seeking to hire a Senior Buyer for their central purchasing department. The successful candidate will have a minimum of five (5) years purchasing experience, with a least two (2) at the Senior Buyer level. Knowledge of EDI purchasing and PC skills are a plus. This hands-on position requires a professional self-starter who will take the responsibility and accountability for their assigned lines. HCI offers a competitive salary, generous benefits package. Please forward your resume and salary history in confidence to:

Hydraulic Controls, Inc.
P.O. Box 9013
Emeryville, CA 94662
Attention: Ada Allan

SHIPPING DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR

Excellent opportunity for experienced shipping and receiving supervisor for active industrial equipment distributor.

Attractive salary and benefits program. Our headquarters company is conveniently located in the central East Bay

Your response, including your work experience applicable education and salary history, should be directed to:

Mrs. A. Allan
P.O. Box 9013
Emeryville, CA 94662

SMALL insurance office needs file clerk/administrative assistant. Full-time 652-9414

Sports Instructor

Teach games, baseball, and basketball to 5-9 year olds. Afternoons approximately 10 hours/week. \$11-\$13/hour depending on experience. Contact Penny Robb, Piedmont Recreation Department (510) 420-3075. EOE

The Old Spaghetti Factory is looking for manager/trainers and kitchen managers. Ideal candidates will have a minimum of 2 years of college and 2 years of restaurant experience, leadership, teamwork skills and willingness to relocate are necessary. Compensation includes competitive salary, bonus, health, dental, life insurance, profit sharing, 5 day workweek and more. Our company has a 25 year history of success and needs qualified individuals to help us grow. Send resume to: Director of Management Recruiting, 1575 Southeast Brookwood Avenue, Hillsboro, Oregon, 97123

THE Park Fitness Center seeks enthusiastic, health-minded, individual for front desk position. Must be available to work mid-day shifts during the week. 530-6937

TREE Climber and Stump Operator, experience required, good pay. (510) 531-1000

UROLOGY office, front and back, computer billing experience. References 839-2650

VIDEO Store Manager/Assistant Manager full-time days, nights, weekends. Must have retail management experience. Salary, health and dental insurance. Send resume and salary requirements to Silver Screen Video, 1601 Second Street, #102B, San Rafael 94901

YOUTH Director: Senior, Junior programs. Many church activities. Job information available. Contact: Epworth United Methodist Church, Berkeley 510-524-2921

402 Independent Employment

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

ENVIRONMENTAL company looking for motivated managers. Must be a people person. Call Marie (510) 425-3412

GRAND OPENING

Need people immediately for all departments, assistant manager, manager, sales, receptionist office help. No experience, we train. First come, first served. Jackie 430-6661

HOME TYPISTS

PC users needed. \$45,000 income potential. Call (800) 962-8000 ext. 8-21136

403 Salon Opportunities

MULTI-CULTURAL salon in great location, seeks experienced, professional hair/cutler and manicurist. For station lease (510) 653-6666

HAIR Nail station available for rent in great location, for full service salon. 521-5530

405 Employment Exchange

LOVELY three bedroom home in exchange for \$700 plus 70 hours outside help monthly. 569-3353

406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627

I provide experienced care for seniors on weekends \$10 per hour. 510-521-7196

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

LIVE-IN housekeeper/nanny needed for lovely North Berkeley home, some childcare for adorable 3-year old boy. Must like children and cooking. Flexible hours. References required. Car preferred. Spanish speaking welcome. \$1000/month. 843-8111; 527-1131

PERSONAL Caregiver needed by wheelchair-paralyzed, Oakland woman in exchange for good room, food, salary and free time. For details call Jan at 524-0723 or leave message at 652-5102

409 Childcare Wanted

LIVE-IN Nanny, includes salary, room, board. Part-time, car. Rhonda/Michael 339-3951

NANNIES NEEDED

Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fee. Mommies Away, 599-9195

CHILD CARE Wanted, 2 days weekly, Montclair area. Car and references required. Call 601-5994 for details

SUMMER childcare for 7 and 10 year olds. Experience, energy, references, car required. Piedmont 420-1934

MATURE, non-smoking Nanny, full-time, Albany family. Must have car. Salary/holidays 652-1252, 524-5573

GLDVIEW childcare for infant, full-time, live-out. CNL w/ car. Must love babies. References 530-3844

CHILD CARE wanted for 12 year old girl, 2-3 nights per week, Elmwood neighborhood 845-0796

CHILD CARE part-time, afternoons. Prefer cooking and driving, CDL. References. Call after 6 p.m. 836-4097

MID-JUNE: September 1. Weekdays, 2 school age girls. Car preferred. 20+ hours weekly. Enjoy tennis and swimming. Rockridge area. Non-smoking. Call after 6 p.m. 835-9596

20 HOURS childcare/ household assistance in exchange for room, board. Salary for additional hours. Monday-Friday before 9 a.m., after 6 p.m. Car required. Own room, bath, entrance. Lovely home, great kids 4. 510-482-2475.

WARM, energetic person to care for 2 children 25-30 hours. Experience, good English, car. Nancy 420-8972

PIEDMONT-30 hours, 10-4. Must be creative, energetic, reliable. References required. (510) 655-8841

AFTERNOON Childcare, North Oakland, for boy age 7. Must love sports, have own car. 653-8668

AU PAIR Nanny live-in or live-out, 3-4 days/week, 6-5:30 Danville home 837-0181

FULL-TIME Nanny needed for 2 children this summer June 19-September 1. Weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Enthusiastic, English speaking, car. Must 339-8948

NANNY, live-in, 10 month old daughter, beautiful upper Rockridge home. Espanol welcome. Maria 339-7676

CHILD CARE for 6 month old, Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, 30 hours weekly. Experience with babies, need car, fluent English. References, non-smoker. Moresca 376-2313

LIVE-IN Nanny for 3 year old energetic, bright boy in Upper Rockridge beginning June 1. Full time summer, 80% time during fall, car with gas allowance, other fringe benefits. Must have CDL, citizen or work papers. (415) 542-1690

410 Shared Childcare

HAPPY North Berkeley 6 month old looking for a pal to share his exceptional caregiver. Call Pam 466-8271

411 Childcare - Licensed

DUCK Soup Family Day Care now enrolling Summer! Fall 10/01/2005 653-7430

INFANT toddler care, experienced couple provider, safe and healthy environment, flexible hours, license 10/02/1459, 330-1660

OVER Rainbow Daycare. Loving, lightly structured pre-school activities, outings. Credentialed teacher, Deborah, 339-2066. Enroll 10/02/08900

412 Babysitting Offered

FULL-TIME babysitter, dependable, in your home. Own car. References and experience. Call Sara 536-0688

RESPONSIBLE, loving babysitter available. Over 20 years experience. Prefer share position. Your houses. 4-5 full days. References. Wendy 231-0558

NANNY, Lots of experience, CPR, excellent references. Pre-school training. Live in or out. 547-0673

413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 408

ABLE CARE INC.

Personal, qualified 24 hour live-in care and companionship for the elderly and handicapped in the comfort and security of your own home. Bonded and insured. 510-685-4704

HOME Health Caregiver, with household management skills for immediate, extended families. References, integrity, transportation. 444-7371

A CARING CONNECTION. Bonded, quality care care includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 524-8076

EXPERIENCE caring for elders. Quality home care. Companionship/ light housekeeping. 510-848-7687

EXPERIENCED Nurse's Aid. Will work days or evenings. Salary \$1500 per month. For more information call Sabrina 633-0624

FINANCIAL**502 Business Opportunities & Services**

IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE? Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product position

If you are interested in selling all or part of your business, please send a brief business description and product brochure to: Box K, 6208 La Salle Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611

WILDLIFE/Conservation Jobs. Game wardens, security, maintenance, etc. No experience necessary. Now hiring. For information call (219) 794-0010, Ext. 8324, 6 a.m.-6 p.m., 7 days

GUIDE to home employment. Rush \$1 and self-addressed stamped envelope for information. 1618 4th Street, Marysville, WA 98270

FOR SALE**601 Antiques & Art**

TURN of the Century bookcases, desks, China cabinets, lamps, beds, chairs. Please call 893-4284

602 Appliances

WASHERS and dryers. Kenmore-Whirlpool. Reconditioned and rebuilt. Guaranteed 90 days. Delivery available. 548-4419 anytime.

602 Appliances

EXPERT repairs on gas appliances. We buy, sell classic antique stoves. Same day service. 547-8766

603 Garage & Estate Sales**GARAGE SALE ADS?**

See Clip 'n Go on the 1st page of Classified Ads

605 Home Furnishings

15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL. Buy 2 or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 569-7540 for details

MATTRESS Twin, \$89. Full, \$109. Queen, \$159. Sofa-bed, \$299. Sofa with loveseat, \$399. Bunkbeds, \$228. Chest-bed, bedroom sets, rollaways. Simmons, Sealy, Restonic. 444-1990

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$1195 sell \$395. 866-8127

FRENCH Provincial, beautiful table lamps and marble top and tables. Sacrifice \$1500 - Firm! 420-1282

SOFA \$250 Dining table \$200. Reading tables, \$50 each. Twin mattress with box \$30. 525-6348

LOVE seat and two throw pillows. Denim blue and white stripes. \$350 652-3647

FURNITURE: Montclair classic custom coffee, dining table and chairs. Just married, must sell. 339-0137

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

CONTRACTOR'S 10" table saw, extensions, blades mounted, rolling bench with 3/4" Delta joint. \$325 510-428-0188

LENOX fine china service for 8; platter and side dishes included. \$600 419-0800

The Hills Swim Club lifetime family membership includes pool, tennis, fitness center, \$3,000 530-8054

QUORUM security products closeout at cost! Personal alarms, motion alarms, home alarms and more. 865-1853

GOLF Clubs. Wilson Firesticks, \$1,000 for \$550. One, three, five and seven woods. 668-3638

IBM P585, CD-ROM, mouse, Hewlett Packard Inkjet printer. \$1800 value for \$650 568-3638

KING size "Spring Air" bed set, RCA-VCR, Escargo roof top carrier, \$100 each. 531-9730

607 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED- An old toy train Lionel Marx, American Flyer. ives - 547-1278

PING-PONG Table Wanted. Please call 428-1248

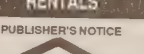
608 Musical Instruments

1986 YAMAHA studio upright, 45 inches, polished ebony, perfect condition. \$2000 535-0601

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

VERY IMPORTANT PETS. Professional pet and home sitting service. Bonded insured. References upon request. 633-0696

MATURE, responsible Oakland cat lover will care for your kitty, plants and mail. "City Cats" 510-531-5940

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701 Lofts & Live-Work Space

OFF Broadway, near Piedmont, dramatic Manhattan style loft, great entrance, good light. Appliances, washer/dryer, 950 sq. ft., \$925 839-8129

704 Housing Wanted

37 YEAR old professional non-smoking male, yoga teacher, seeking medium to large cottage/carriage house in Berkeley, Piedmont, Montclair Hills. Please call Thomas Michael (510) 653-2352

PROFESSIONAL family seeking rental house/tenants (home owners in Oregon), will be 3 years in area. Laura and Bill 503-227-0055 collect okay

QUIET, self-employed male, non-smoker seeks quiet rental situation. Prefer cottage, but open-minded. Can afford any rent. David 653-0445

FOUR bedroom home to rent or lease in Oakland or neighboring city. Please call 420-6910

HOST families are needed for August French exchange student group. Call 510-625-2955 for more information

WOMAN of religious order seeks a studio or 1 bedroom apartment in a safe area. Private bath, kitchen, separate entrance, parking preferred. \$450 to \$500 per month. North Oakland/ South Berkeley. Please call Sister Diane at 658-0441

NEAT, sober, 65 year old man with low income needs light housekeeping room. 452-9287

GREAT TENANTS ARE HARD TO FIND. Couple with toddler seeks 2+ bedroom flat or house. Gas appliances, quiet, near Rockridge BART, yard. Great references. Long-term only. Call Katherine at 510-355-3567

775 SPACIOUS studio cottage, Elmwood. June/July. Deck, large yard, 3 skylights, quiet, charming. 841-0688

706 Sublets & Short-Term Rentals

\$800 MONTCLAIR Cottage, June through September. Call (510) 652-2677

\$1350 WOODMINSTER secluded 2+ bedroom, garden guest room, June-August. SF view, yard, decks. 630-6399

\$1500 SUBLET. June 20 through August 3. Spacious Rockridge, 3 bedroom home, garden. BART 428-1125

707 Vacation Rentals Bed & Breakfast

MAUI- 7th day free. Real ocean front luxury! 42 two and 3 bed condos on 3+ tropical acres. Huge round pool, jacuzzi, all amenities. Kahana Village, 4531 Honoapiilani Rd., Lahaina, HI 96761. 800-484-1000

NORTH Shore Lake Front. Old Tahoe cabin, deck, plow, sleeps 9. \$1500/week. 658-2089

SPECIAL 2 bedroom Disneyworld resort. May 6-13, June 18-25; \$450. Juliet 638-1707, evenings

SANTA CRUZ vacation rental. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 blocks to Beach and Boardwalk. (510) 521-5628

APTS. CONDOS - FLATS**FOR RENT****709 Alameda**

\$525 LARGE sunny studio, large kitchen, in charming security building near Park St. Most utilities included; laundry and parking available. 841-9434

710 STUDIO APT. RENTALS

FURNISHED studio and 1 bedroom apartments. Direct dial phones, cable, HBO, laundry, mail service. Near shops and transportation. Weekly \$210-up. Monthly \$750-up. 523-6633

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\$640 PLEASANT older but practically new 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Spectacular Bay view, Sherman Catwalk 865-2985

\$645 AND up Keyed entry, hardwood floors. 100% security deposit. PET? 769-6638, 946-1147

\$695 VICTORIAN Elegance. Fireplace, sun-room, peacock, laundry, great location, non-smoking. 769-8068

712 2 BED. APT. RENTALS Alameda

\$725- \$925 BEACH front apartments, 1-2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Spectacular Bay view, fireplace, gourmet kitchen. Ask about move-in specials! 1901 Shoreline Drive. 814-8771

\$750 TWO bedroom apartment, 1 bath, 1 car open garage, on Pacific Ave. No pets. Mike, agent 865-5432

\$825 SHORELINE DRIVE

2031 Shoreline-2 bedroom with Bay view, lots of natural light. Quiet 3rd floor unit. Private deck, pool, recreation room, covered parking, elevator. Call laundry. Call 865-1924

\$825 TOWNHOUSE clean quiet, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, A/C, patio, off-street parking, no pets. 408-268-9756

714 Alameda & Kensington

ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito; Studio, one, two, three bedroom apartments, flats, houses. Berkeley Connection, 845-7821

\$495 ALBANY studio, near Solano, clean, quiet, good entry, carpet, private patio, no pets, lease, 525-2108

\$575 \$600 STUDIO Albany Hill, large, quiet, clean, near shops and specialty restaurants. 525-4296

\$575 INCLUDING utilities. Large studio with separate kitchen, walk-in closet. Near Solano, cat okay. 527-4298

\$615 ALBANY 1 bedroom fourplex, stove, refrigerator, carpet, private patio, clean, spacious. No pets. 525-3637

\$650 ALBANY 1 bedroom, sunny top floor, garage. Great location. Shopping. Available May. 527-2660

\$675 KENSINGTON sunny, charming 1 bedroom garden apartment. Non-smoking, no pets. Short/long-term okay. 528-0700

\$700

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WANT A ONE BEDROOM FOR THE PRICE OF A STUDIO

FREE FIRST MONTH'S RENT. On-site manager. Laundry. No pets. BART bus lines. Walk to shopping. Lake Merritt and Downtown. Call 855-3537.

6600 CLAREMONT, Rockridge BART, 1 bedroom, carpet, laundry, no pets. Water, gas, electric. Close to shopping/transportation. Call 855-3537.

ADAMS POINT View/Hills, new stove, microwave, carpet, laundry, no pets. Water, gas, electric. Close to shopping/transportation. Call 855-3537.

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\$565 ONE bedroom, carpeting, off-street parking, nice backyard. Laundry. Excellent location, Grand Lake area. 523-5351.

\$565 SUNNY, quiet, 1 bedroom, upstairs, email deck, back yard, washer/dryer. Alcatraz Ave., near Telegraph. No pets. 845-8361.

\$590 ONE bedroom, large, sunny, laundry. Convenient transportation. Great Lakeshore location. 690 Montclair. 834-5505; 523-6950.

\$590 PLUS \$500 deposit, 1 bedroom, garage, new paint, new stove/refrigerator, no pets. 825-8156.

\$595 CONDO QUALITY
366 Staten. Large top floor 1 bedroom, quiet quality building, north of Lake, dining area, fresh carpet and paint, intercom entry. MUST SEE! Garage parking, coin laundry. Call 451-0870.

\$595 \$610 Large bright 1 bedrooms in quiet Spanish style building, near Piedmont Avenue/BART, 349 38th Street. Call 655-6524.

\$595 365 WARWICK Large 1 bedroom. Top floor, sunny, great natural light. Quiet building. Near carpet. Walk to lake and shopping. Call 455-0969.

\$595 CHINA Hill large 1 bedroom in 1920's building, quiet off-street location, hardwood floors, 9 ft ceilings, bay windows and view, new paint and blinds, good neighborhood, garden. 465-8774.

\$595 DIMOND, large, sunny, hardwood floors, custom woodwork, yard, laundry, parking. Includes utilities. 482-5790.

\$595 GLENVIEW Charming 1920's 4-plex. Cozy, sunny, built-ins, French doors, roof top deck, private entrance, hardwoods original character. 415-921-7446.

\$595 LARGE 1 bedroom, Brooklyn Hill, Hardwood floors, sunny, quiet, luxurious. Walk to Lake. 839-4828.

\$595 LARGE, remodeled. Corner, top floor. Older, well-maintained building, hardwoods. Cable. Near Piedmont Ave. 601-5501.

\$595 PIEDMONT border. QUIET, SECURE 1 bedroom, Walk-in closet, large private patio, new paint, carpet, drapes. Good for seniors. 339-9662.

\$600 \$655 One bedrooms, security building, microwave, dishwasher, garbage disposal, balcony. Laundry rooms. garage. 547-4728.

\$600 311 LEE Fireplace, sunny, quiet, clean, patio. Water, garbage, off-street parking included. References. 530-6931.

\$600 461 CLIFTON. No pets. For applications Rockridge Realtors. 655-2330. No Fee.

\$600 GLENVIEW District, laundry, storage, gas stove. Water/garage included. No pets. Year lease. Weekend appointment. call Monday-Friday. 510-331-2510.

\$600 GLENVIEW, sunny, 1 bedroom fourplex, dining room, laundry, enclosed parking, hardwood, extra storage. 548-7149.

\$600 LAKE, spacious 1 bedroom, quiet fourplex, garage, many closets, laundry, nonsmoking, no pets. 832-3733.

\$600 ONE bedroom, Laurel duplex. Sunny, secure front unit. Appliances, laundry, garage. Transportation, stores close. Furnished/unfurnished. Non-smoking, long-term. 534-1341.

\$620 \$640 One bedroom, near Piedmont, security, garage, dishwasher, AEK, laundry, balcony, no pets. 652-5299.

\$620 UPPER Lakeshore/Grand, near Piedmont, Patio, pool, AEK, intercom, parking available. Fantastic area. 465-3648.

CHARM OF 1920'S
Style with modern day conveniences offered in classic English Tudor security building, convenient China Hill location. Features elegant living room with decorative fireplace, hardwood floors, separate breakfast room, spacious walk-in closets, parking available. (510) 482-3372; (510) 547-0025; (415) 459-1307.

\$625 BRIGHT, clean, sunny, Warfield near Mandela. New carpet, gas stove, well-maintained Victorian building. 339-3068.

\$625 GRAND Lake area, Charming, sunny, 1 bedroom in small older building, hardwood floors, laundry building. 652-3808.

\$625 LAKESHORE, spacious 1 bedroom, top floor. Balcony, carpets, drapes, garage, elevator. No pets. 834-5377.

\$625 MONTCLAIR, Snake Road. Furnished, 1 bedroom in close, private bath. Sunporch. Parking View. (510) 338-1019.

\$625 MONTCLAIR 1 bedroom in-law. Bay view, deck, private entrance. Snake/Coin. #46649-B. Homefinders 459-6450.

\$625 PLUS deposit. 1 bedroom, all utilities free. New paint/appliances, coin laundry. 835-2475; 465-7665.

\$625 SPACIOUS 1 bedroom, sunny, dishwasher, patio, laundry, 13 unit walk-in water/garage paid, secured parking, 373 Staten. 465-9064; 351-7963.

\$625 UPPER Lakeshore area. Spacious, dishwasher, parking, laundry, balcony. Cat okay. 465-9064; 351-7963.

\$630 \$675 PIEDMONT border. Spacious, sunny, quiet. Large deck, parking, closets galore, excellent location. 428-1242.

\$635 CHARMING triplex, clean, sunny, quiet, hardwood floors, overlooks garden, close to everything, garage. 453 Van Buren Ave. 835-4130.

\$635 CHINA Hill large 1 bedroom plus study in 1920s building, 9 ceiling, bay windows, sunny, quiet, new paint and blinds, good neighborhood, garden. 465-8774.

\$635 LAKE Merritt area fourplex. Large, garage, laundry, carpet, no pets, non-smoking. Hillsborough Street. 533-1852.

\$640 ATTRACTIVE, sunny, private, 1 bedroom, living room, dinette kitchen, bath, newly painted, hardwood floors, laundry, part-luxury. 654-1977.

\$640 MONTCLAIR 1 bedroom in-law plus study and parking. Near Piedmont. Call 547-4500.

\$645 and \$705
Near Piedmont with 2 saunas. 360 Monte Vista. Balcony, carpeting, dishwasher, laundry, garage, parking, storage. 658-6279.

\$645 GLENVIEW secluded, quiet, clean, new carpet, blinds, large kitchen, garage parking. 833-1956, after 4.

\$650 EXCELLENT LOCATION
Grand Lake above MacArthur. Top floor. Light, bright, sparkling clean. Huge living room, large kitchen, bath. Generous closets. Laundry. Quiet, secure, owner managed fiveplex. No pets. 937-8944.

\$650 SPECTACULAR LAKE VIEW
Bright 1 bedroom in small building with hardwood floors, tile kitchen/bath, garage, laundry. 832-5128.

\$650 425 ORANGE St. Lower Piedmont. Large, quiet, secure building. Parking, garage, coin laundry, coin laundry, storage, cat okay. 415-441-9417.

\$650 ENGLISH Tudor, China Hill. Garden, hardwoods, large closets, fireplace, old world charm. 452-0386; 763-9150.

\$650 LAKESIDE very nice, Renovated, great kitchen, sunny, laundry, no pets. 3830 52nd. 650-28; 521-6314.

\$650 LARGE, large, 1 bedroom, hardwoods, parking, cat okay. 333 Park View. 455-0140.

\$650 NORTH Oakland (Temesal) Duplex. Pets considered. Hardwood floors, share yard, laundry. 4171 Opel. 836-4663.

\$650 OAKLAND gorgeous 1 1/2 bedroom apartment in 4 unit Victorian building. Private deck, hardwood floors, dishwasher, disposal, parking, laundry, 1/2 block to Lake. 525-0395.

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\$650 ONE bedroom condo near Lake, many closets, balcony, carpet, parking. Days 614-8033; evenings 530-8706.

\$650 TOP FLOOR, 1 bedroom. Loads of Light in Large Living Room. Must See! 297-4060.

\$650 UPPER Grand. Parking, garbage disposal, dishwasher, balcony, carpet, walk-in closet. Security deposit \$500. 836-1396.

\$660 NEAR PIEDMONT
One bedroom, balcony, off-street parking, walk to Piedmont Ave. On-Lake. 841-5979.

\$660 ADAMS Point all new appliances including dishwasher, hardwood floors, parking, 1/2 off first month's rent. 330 Van Buren. 839-6718.

\$660 SPACIOUS 1 bedroom. Modern with Lovely Wood Details. Private Balcony. Fresh and Quiet. 286-1006.

\$670 OVER 1000 sq. ft., top floor. Bohemian high ceilings, carpeted, elevator. Near Lake. 444-0620.

\$675 ATTRACTIVE BUILDING
Spacious, quiet, 1 bedroom, cathedral ceiling, balcony, garage, cable, immaculate condition. 465-5854.

\$675 DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
180 Montclair. Large 1 bedroom, lots of natural light, dining room, hardwood floors, fresh paint, tiled kitchen and bath. Includes parking. Must see! 836-1977.

\$675 211 HANOVER (corner of Hanover and Lakeside) 1 bedroom, charming old building, lots of natural light, walk to Lake, shopping and transportation. 531-6969.

\$675 CHARMING 1 bedroom with panoramic Lake view. Hardwood floors, laundry. 451-0191.

\$675 CHARMING downstairs flat. Fireplace, hardwoods, dining room, sun. Stained glass, large kitchen, yard. Alameda. 1933 11th Ave. 839-3438.

\$675 CHINA Hill large unit in 5-plex, hardwood floors, spacious kitchen, formal dining room. Heat/water included, parking available. 893-9380.

\$675 CONDO York Towers, good shopping area, 3rd floor. Very clean, balcony, pool, security. 832-0323.

\$675 GLENVIEW nice 1 bedroom in-law. Separate entrance, new paint. Deck, laundry, storage. Walk to shops and bus. 231-0905.

\$675 ONE bedroom, lovely dining room, walk-in closets, utilities and parking included, incredibly clean, quiet building, no pets, nonsmoking, 652-3759.

\$675 PIEDMONT border. Spottless 1 bedroom flat in quiet attractive triplex. Garage, lawn, patio. No pets. Walk/transportation/shops. (510) 451-1140.

\$675 SECURITY deposit \$600. Large 1 bedroom, carpeted, walk-in closets. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. 655-4488.

\$675 UPPER Grand, near Piedmont, sunny, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, walk-in closets, laundry. 832-5811.

\$675 UPPER 1 bedroom with separate entrance in gracious, quiet, 1940's building overlooking coast. Adams Point. Fireplace, bay window, updated kitchen. 381 Adams St. 653-5587.

\$685 ROCKRIDGE, security building, newly painted, hardwoods, laundry, new tile kitchen floor. Near BART. 654-3010.

\$685 UPPER Grand near Piedmont on York St. Spacious, sunny 1 bedroom apartment in charming 1920's security sixplex building. Formal dining, breakfast room, hardwood floors, cable ready, laundry facilities. Day 415-323-6931; evenings 415-328-1832.

\$700 AVAILABLE May 1st. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet view. Condo in excellent neighborhood. References. Deposit. 501-653-7656.

QUIET-SECURE
Piedmont area, top floor, 1 bedroom condo with view, security building and garage, elevator, balcony. (415) 453-0947.

\$705 DESIRABLE Glenview 1920's charmer. Bay window, sunny, security fourplex. Updated kitchen/bath, lots of storage. Near shops/transportation, garage available. Cats okay. 452-1338; 415-886-0287.

\$710 \$775 NORTH Oakland, close to Rockridge. Hardwood floors, bright, clean. Extra plus room. 834-9033.

\$720 EXTRA large, sunny, Spanish-style, 1 bedroom, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, many windows. All utilities included. Near Lake. 834-6646.

\$725 OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY 1-4
Historic Art Deco building, Adams Point. Walk-in closet, laundry, garden. 315 Parkview Terrace. 832-4782.

\$725 LUXURY APARTMENT
285 Lee St. 1 bedroom, newer building. Quiet. Best Adams Point location. Balcony, walk-in closet, microwave, parking, laundry. Must See! Call 465-3044.

\$725 LARGE bedroom, living room, formal dining room, garage. No pets. Upper Grand Ave. 482-0960.

\$725 ROCKRIDGE 1 bedroom upstairs flat, duplex, spacious, sunny, quiet, easy walk- BART's buses. 658-9370.

\$730 NEAR PIEDMONT, large, sunny, formal dining, laundry, secure entrance/parking. SF bus, shopping. 652-7719.

\$750 SPACIOUS security garage apartment. 3817 Shafter. Water/garage paid. Rent/pet negotiable. 654-6747; 415-573-0716.

\$765 UPPER Rockridge: Hardwoods, top floor. Bay view, security, balcony, laundry. 5901 Broadway. 836-4663; 652-9321.

\$775 IN-LAW unit, 1 bedroom, fireplace, deck, laundry, off-street parking. No pets, nonsmoking. deposit. 339-0869.

\$800 PIEDMONT BORDER
1920's Mediterranean. Very large 1 bedroom, parquet hardwood floors, gas stove, large living room, dining room, walk-in closets, 9 ft. ceilings, views, laundry, storage, cable ready. Looking garage parking available. 1001 Warfield Ave. 652-7900.

\$800 \$1200 Lake Merritt large Spanish style 1 and 2 bedroom, sunny, high beamed ceilings, 20 ft. living room, huge closets, dishwasher, parking, laundry. (415) 861-0474.

\$800 ROCKRIDGE quiet 1 bedroom in-law. All utilities paid, washer/dryer, patio with garden. 654-5939.

\$840 PIEDMONT border, large immaculate 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, laundry, parking. Lease. No pets. 654-4277.

\$875 INCLUDES all utilities plus cable. Beautiful, unique Victorian tile floors, 17x15 bedroom. Potential live/work. Big back yard gardening service. China Hill. 444-2698; 655-2319.

\$890 PIEDMONT Ave. Spacious, sunny upper flat in charming 1907 duplex, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, yard, parking. Utilities included. 652-9973.

\$900 GLENVIEW, quiet duplex, large 1 bedroom, parking paid, Garbage, water paid. 4324 Leach. 895-2510.

\$900 SPACIOUS, sunny 1 bedroom, 1 block above Grand near Piedmont. Hardwood floors. Water, disposal, dishwasher, garage. Must see! 457-8806.

\$925 ROCKRIDGE 1 bedroom, great view. Garage parking. Storage, atrium. No pets. 655-6783.

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756 1 BED. HOME RENTALS Oakland - Piedmont & So. Bed

\$775 CHARMING 1+ bedroom, hardwood floors, fireplace, lots of garage space, 531-5669.

\$975 BEAUTIFUL, secluded setting. Recently remodeled with huge lot, garden, creek. Lease 653-3000.

757 2 BED HOME RENTALS Oakland - Piedmont & So.

\$725 TWO bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home. Newly remodeled, on Boston Ave. above School St. 538-0192.

\$750 COZY 2+ bedrooms. Fenced yard. Very convenient to shops, transportation. Alameda District. 530-9273.

\$750 FIRST! last month's rent, 2 bedrooms. Newly remodeled, large kitchen, sun deck. 658-6865.

\$895 CHARMING 2 bedroom bungalow with Victorian garden. Off-street parking, washer connections. For appointment 208-293-1233.

\$950 MONTCLAIR spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath, dining and living room, 1/4 basement, double garage, front and back yard. To view May 6-7, 11-2 6907 Sayre Drive.

\$950 WOODY 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large deck, fireplace, washer/dryer. No pets. Parking 482-8414.

\$955 NEAR Mills. 2 bedrooms, new kitchen, yard, hookups, no pets. Agent 523-1166.

\$975 HEART of Glenview, light, sunny 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Formal dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors, Open House: Sunday, May 7, 12-1 p.m. 536-6683.

\$1000 IMMACULATE California bungalow, 2 bedrooms. Quiet North Oakland neighborhood. Section 8 okay. 636-9378.

\$1075 UPPER Redwood Heights, split-level, 2+ bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, yard, deck, washer/dryer. 339-1732.

\$1100 ROOMY 2 bedroom, 1 bath, formal dining room, back porch with washer/dryer hook-up, backyard, security system, 45th St. Shafter, Agent. Dore (no fee), 763-9901.

\$1150 SPACIOUS 2 bedroom, 1 bath, dining room, fireplace, washer/dryer. Immaculate. Garage and fenced backyard. No pets. Non-smoking. 2984 California St. 531-2287.

\$1200 RENT to own. Sunny Glenview 2 bedroom, hardwood floors, yard, formal dining, great condition. 789-0300, 531-4348.

\$1250 NEW 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Very private setting. I-580/Keller. Call for details. 654-0626.

\$1350 MONTCLAIR 2 bedroom/1 bath, deck, patio, SF Bay view. 6160 Ascot Dr. 869-4242.

\$1350 SECLUDED, Montclair, canyon view. Beamed ceiling, hardwood floor, fireplace, ample parking. Call okay. 654-9998.

\$1400 TWO plus charming Rockridge bungalow, hardwood floors, fireplace, stained glass windows, deck, garden. (415) 552-1459.

758 3 BED. HOME RENTALS Oakland - Piedmont & So.

\$775 SAN Leandro, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 16919 Hills, above Foothill. View, and call 408-336-8248.

\$880 LOVELY 3 bedroom, 2 bath, view, professionally redecorated, ADT, modern amenities. Near Highland Hospital. Non-smoking. Pet negotiable. Lease. 208-3588.

\$1195 LARGE 3+ bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, near Harrison and 580. Fireplace, formal dining room, large kitchen, carpets, drapes, garage. 415-472-3881.

\$1200 PIEDMONT Ave. area, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, parking, sunny, 632-5811.

\$1200 QUIET Skyline Hills neighborhood, 2 baths, double garage, near Oakland Hills Tennis Club. 635-1248.

\$1200 ROSE Garden/Lake area, 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths. Large kitchen, hardwoods, dining, office. 482-8804.

\$1200 THREE bedroom home, fireplace, 2 car garage, near Redwood Shopping Center. 236-8912.

\$1200 THREE bedroom, 2 bath, dining and numpus room, hardwood floor. First, last, security deposit. 530-4884.

\$1250 CHARMING English Tudor. Quiet, established neighborhood. Near Redwood Heights School. Low maintenance yard. 632-7238.

\$1275 LAUREL, quiet neighborhood, spacious, formal living/dining private garden/sun deck. 3028 Georgia. 415-031-0448.

\$1300 NEAR MORMON TEMPLE. Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living room, dining room, fireplace, hardwoods, 2 car garage. Pet. First, last, security deposit. 530-4884.

\$1300 LAKE area. Dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace, garden. Near transportation/freeway/shops/movies. 451-7148.

\$1300 THREE bedroom, 2 bath, dining and numpus room, hardwood floor. First, last, security deposit. No pets. 530-0876, 530-0644.

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Albany PTA Council News

Testing, Testing ... My mother, who was a school psychologist back when California could afford a few, used to speak with disdain of the "crush 'em and count 'em" method of student assessment. By this she meant standardized tests. She knew that children could score at one level one day, only to return and score a different level the following day. What made the difference? Breakfast, sleep, test anxiety, the weather ... She believed tests were snapshots of a single day's performance, not permanent indications of achievement, ability or future success.

Unfortunately, however, that single snapshot can stand for a whole year's work in a child's record. Most Albany teachers and administrators

I've talked to agree that standardized test scores are only one indication of a child's abilities. Grades and other commentary on a child's work weigh much more heavily in parent-teacher conferences. In fact, some of the best teachers I know resent having to give class time to standardized tests, so little do they value the results.

Parents may want to consider this when they read about the now-defunct CLAS test. CLAS was not a "crush 'em and count 'em" test; it challenged kids to do something beyond picking the right answer from a list of five choices. It was written by educators who wanted to go beyond the quantifying principles of test design and look instead for the quality of a child's answers. However, it

could not survive the political trouble it stirred up in doing so.

The CLAS test will not be given this year, but last year's results are now available. Unlike other tests, CLAS tells more about your child's school than about your child. For example, the reading scores show how many children in one grad (4th, 8th, and 10th) understood what they read and could apply that understanding to other areas of their lives. (Thirty-five percent of Albany fourth graders, according to a chart released by the district, scored in the upper half of the six reading levels. Sixty-five percent of eighth graders scored in the these upper levels and 53 per-

cent of tenth graders did so.)

Testing continues to be a snapshot of single day's performance. But now it is a group photo.

To see results for your child's school, ask for one of the new Annual School Reports, now available at each school site. A complete set of reports is also available on the PTA Council Shelf of the Albany Library. (Thank you Marsha Skinner for collecting them for us.)

Time to open the GATE? At the last PTA Council meeting, Sandy Bender reported on Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) funding. Albany once had GATE, but some years ago discontinued it. With

present budget constraints, these funds could help make up some of our losses in important fields like art and music. According to Sandy, a majority of districts in our area do use GATE funding.

She also pointed out that "gifted" and "talented" refer to aptitudes in many areas besides traditional academic subjects. The PTA Council voted to ask the School Board to examine this potentially useful source of money. Last week, the board heard Sandy's presentation and agreed to look into the question.

AMS PTA does not meet tonight, because of the Middle School musical, "SuperTeen meets the Phantom

of the Opera." The meeting was held Thursday, May 11, 7 p.m.

Also May 11, Marsha Bender will be at 7 p.m. to vote on a new set of officers for next year.

Vista-MacGregor is tonight from 7 to 8 p.m. **Marin School Site Planning Committee** meets two Wednesdays, May 10 and 17, at 7 p.m. in the library. Welcome to attend.

The last Staff Development of the year is Monday, May 15. The next School Board meeting is May 9, 7:30 p.m. at the multi-use room.

By Peggy

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Very Special Event
Waterford Signing
Sunday, May 7th
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm



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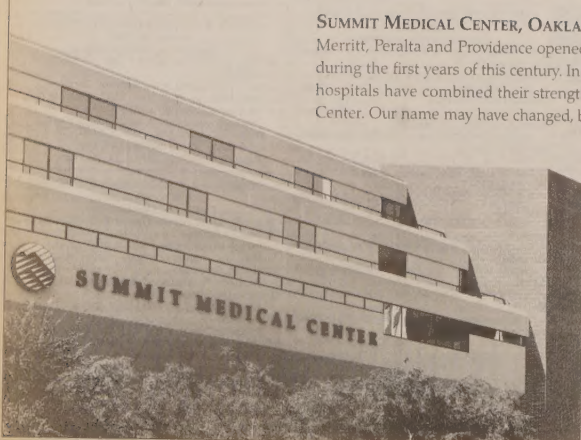
These horses and their playful park were created by the Works Projects Administration (WPA) in 1939-1940. Many neighbors, who grew up playing here, now return to the newly renovated park with their children and grandchildren.

JOSEPHINE GRUPALO, DAUGHTER TONI CAULFIELD AND GRANDDAUGHTER COLLEEN CAULFIELD. Volunteers of all ages, from teens to 90 year olds, are essential to the Summit family. And three generations of this Montclair family have been involved with the Pill Hill hospitals. Josephine volunteers at Summit every Thursday. Colleen was born at Merritt and Toni was a coffee cart helper there as well. "As volunteers, we try to save the staff a lot of footwork," Josephine says. "It's really enjoyable. The people we work with are all great."

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